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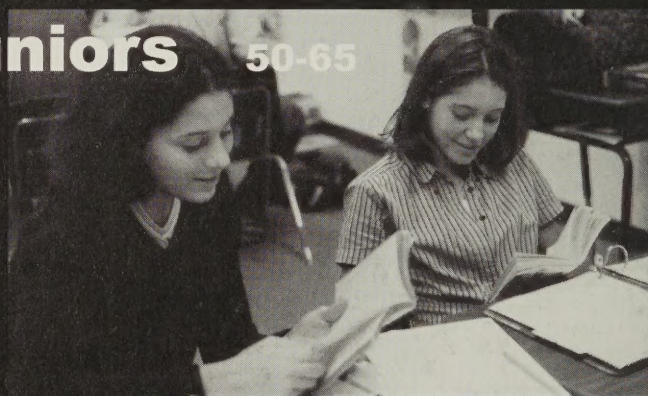
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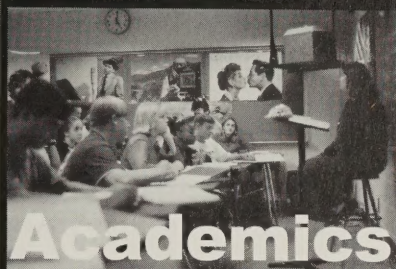


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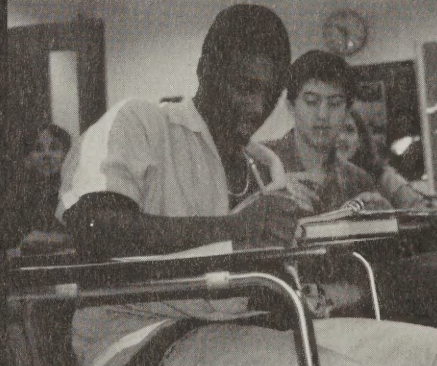


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# Indian Legend





# millennium

As the final days before the year 2000 withered away, and the entire world looked with anticipation to the beginning of a new era, life at Stafford from the exterior was typically normal and ordinary.

Traditional school activities such as Friday night football games and the Homecoming Dance were the same as they always were. Some people just did not see the significance in it being the last days of the century. Lesley Wall said of the whole "millennium" business, "What's the big deal?" By this time, almost everyone was sick of the commercialism involved with the year 1999. Krista Eck said, "All this stuff about the year 1999 is a big hype. It's just another year, like all the others..."

Yet "just another year" was cluttered with all the things to which we, as students of Stafford and simply just as Americans, were accustomed. Computers guided basically every aspect of our lives, from the typing of a paper for English class, to the cash register that a

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Below:  
**I Need Food!** Sarah Finley feeds the snack machine a dollar. A new juice machine was also a vast improvement to the already great cafeteria. Photo by Mark Hughes.



Top Left:  
**Vogue** The blond ambition, Jeff Denson, strikes a pose as a dancer at the annual Powder Puff Football Game. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Middle Left:  
**Gooo Stafford!** Nicole Carper happily claps and chants for the tribe at a Friday afternoon pep rally. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Left:  
**Loud and Proud** Mouth wide open, Jonathan Walsky howls for the tribe at a Friday night football game. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Right:  
**All Work, No Play** Matt Pitts listens intently in class. Photo by Chrissy Rubenstein.



Left: **Happiness is...** Amanda Lee and J.R. Royston rejoice over a good play at a Friday night football game. Football games were a popular pastime for Stafford students. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

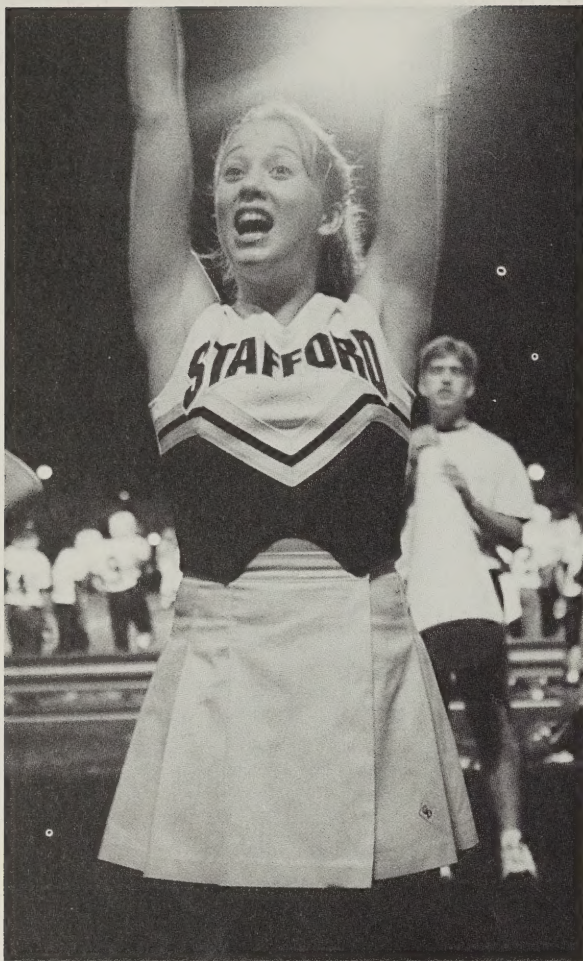
Left Page:  
**Barbecue Kings** Josh Thompson grills up some burgers, while Matt Catalano looks on approvingly at Melisa Peretich. On the warmest days of the year, students never passed up a chance for a barbecue before a football game. Photo by Kevin Louder.

Left Above: **Ready to Pound 'Em** Slathering war paint on Nique Zwieneff, Jessica Lees helps her friend get pumped up for the Powder Puff game. Both the juniors and the seniors put up a good fight, but in the end, the seniors squeaked by with a 7-0 victory. Photo by Chrissy Rubenstein.

Left Insert: **Tappin' Away** Step Team dazzles the crowd at a Friday afternoon pep rally. The step team's performance always hyped up the pep rally crowd for the game! Photo by Meaghan Wilson.







Above: **Who's Number One?!** Jessica Player, affectionately known as "J.P." to her fellow students, wows the football crowd with her energetic cheers. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Right Page: **Bubbles of Happiness** Just having fun at a summer gala given by Ann-Courtney Coates, Sam Martin and Michelle Wood revel in the amities of summer. Photo by Bri Bevan.

Right: **I Can Fly...** Steve Westhoff skateboards on a sunny day in Stafford. This was just another one of the favorite activities of the young people in the area for a great summer day. Photo by Matt Catalano.

Below Right: **Computer Wizard** Hard at work, Ross Farmer types on a computer in the library. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

Below: **Always Together** Stafford Cheerleaders take a few seconds to pose for a candid shot on at cheerleading camp. Photo by Jessica Player.



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person bought anything from in a store. Really, it was no wonder that people around the world were so panicked by the Y2K situation, which threatened to shut down the entire world's computers on January first. We were all so utterly dependent upon them. Drew Anderson said quite simply, "The year 2000 is responsible for everyone flippin' out."

Technology reached new heights in 1999, and even the computers in the library of our school became linked to the ever-changing, fast-paced phenomenon known as "the web." It seemed as if everything and everyone had a web site, and laws were even passed in an attempt to regulate this gigantic industry.

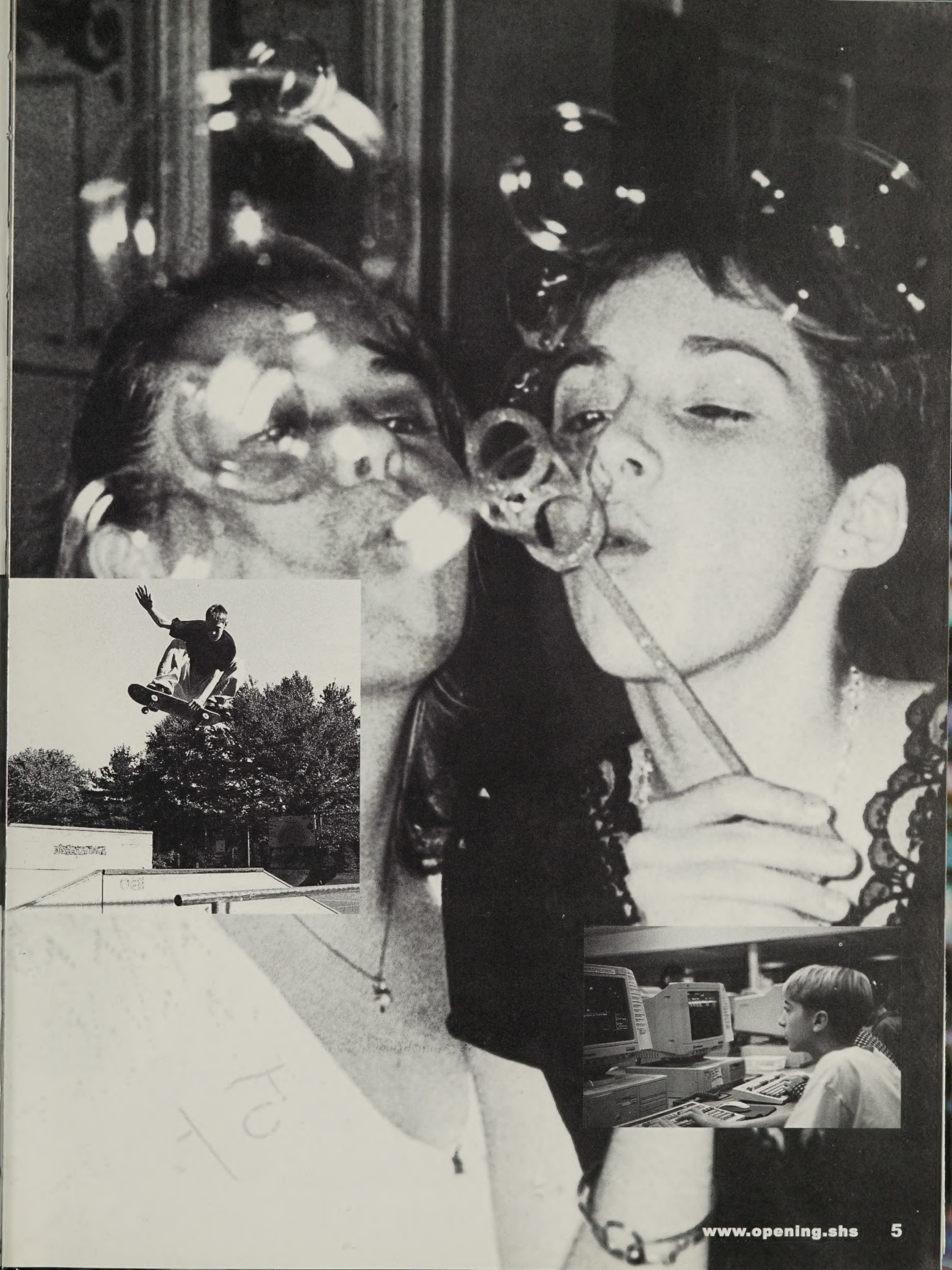
Things in almost every aspect of our lives were rapidly shifting. As the 1990s ended, people at Stafford, and in the world, were making changes in their lives—changes in education and changes in their personal lives. Almost nothing seemed constant; however, changes were common-place to us all. Somehow, the year 1999 seemed different though. It carried with it an aura of suspense, of what would occur in the grand new year to come. The millennium was something so huge that few, if any of us, were able to grasp its concept—the concept of change.

Even the school went through somewhat of a transformation in the later 1990s. New class rooms were just one of the many wonderful renovations made to Stafford High School. Emily Dursa said, "The new room numbers are a lot less confusing; the old room numbers were trashy and not understandable sometimes. The freshmen that came in had an advantage because it was easier for them to find where their classrooms were." The overall atmosphere of the school had been somehow altered as well. Who knew what else was to come?

As all of us glided into the uncertain newness of the year 2000, some things seemed to be as they always were, while others seemed completely different. When the century came to a close, so did many aspects of our lives. Where some things ended, new opportunities manifested themselves before our bewildered eyes. As time was reborn, so were we. Although starting fresh could be utterly frightening, it could also be incredibly exciting. As Amber Carpenter said, "It's cool to think I'm beginning my future graduating in the year 2000." The future began for us in this time period.

The difficulty of letting go of the past brought tears of sadness to some. It held a security and warmth of which was hard to let go. Matt Lawrence said, "The things I'll miss most about Stafford will be the art and drama classes. I had the best times there." Those tears of sadness and thoughts of regret, however, were transformed into tears of happiness when it was realized that there was never really an end to anything. The past should be cherished and remembered, but not dwelled upon. The memories a person had from Stafford could also be learned from, whether these memories were good or bad. Maybe change, as scary as it could be, was a good thing. What seemed like the end was really the beginning of something greater. The "end of the twentieth century" was not the end at all. Through the tears, fears, and years, we were all becoming wiser. We were moving on—moving on into "the rest of our lives." What we made of the time ahead was up to us. *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*









With so many different people, and so many different things to do in school and out, it was definitely interesting and fun to be a student and a teenager in the year 1999. From after school clubs to after school jobs, students really had no time to spare in their day.

For some, it was difficult to balance both school work and other activities. Russell Roles said, "I had an after school job, so it's tough. But being in an honors class such as english is well worth it, even though it's sometimes hard to get all the work done." School work definitely weighted some students down, but usually, it wasn't too much to handle. The rewards of learning were far greater than the difficulties of homework.

Heather Akin said, "Being president of the junior class has a lot of responsibilities, but it's well worth it." After school activities and clubs were just one of the many things that made life happier and more fun. Stafford student life was full of opportunities and great ways of learning, through every activity that these people participated.

Hope for the future was a major part of life at Stafford. Danielle Blosser said of the future, "I can't wait to be a senior, and not be around trashy underclassman anymore." Clubs, activities, and anything else a student participated in inside and outside of Stafford helped them learn and grow into an adult. Even though all these things took up a lot of time and could be extremely hectic, growing up depended on people doing what they liked to do, or what they didn't like to do. They all taught responsibility. Their future depended on what these students did with their lives today. *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*

Top: **Fresh Air in the Mountains** Young life members on their trip to Colorado in the summer of 1999 pose for a picture. This Christian organization was very popular among students, both for its Christian elements, and its social benefits.

Right: **Smile for the...** Britt Smith takes a picture for photojournalism. These students put together the entire yearbook, with the help of Mr. Hughes. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.





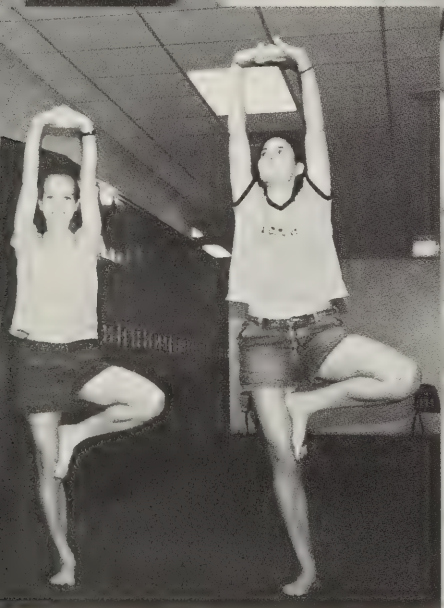
# Student Life



**Lost the Bet** Mrs. Brasch and Tabby Hayes shave Mr. Hite's head. Mr. Hite made a bet with the band that they would not get the highest scores at summer band competition; if they did, he'd shave his head. They did, and he lost his hair. Photo by Mark Hughes.



# Spring 1999



Above: **Manicures and Pedicures**  
Erin Hughes and Ashley Ludlow  
finish off the last touches for the  
big night. Photo by Meg Hughes.

Above Left: **Pretty Ballerinas**  
Bonnie Ludlow and Maria Hingle  
show off their dancing abilities.  
Photo by Robyn Good.

Right: **The Gang Prom '99** Alden  
Hingle, John Walksy, Jay  
Underwood, Nate Havasy, Matt  
Catalano, Eric Wall, Justin  
Hogan, Willy Anderson, Derek  
Salerno pose for a picture at  
prom. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.





## End of the 1999 School Year.

Wow! The year ended with a bang. Prom turned out great. "I had tons of fun last year, but I hope that this year, being my senior year and all, is even better," said Stephanie Trant.

Graduation was another awesome turn-out filled with tears of accomplishment and happy memories. "I was sad to see my friends go, but I was also happy to see where they were going," said Jessica Player, who was among the graduating class of 2000.

The year of 1999 was unforgettable with the *SPIRIT* of the Stafford Indians at it's peak. Whether they were decked out in blue and gold in the halls or painted up at the Friday night football and basketball games, the Indians showed their Indian pride in the tribe.

"We truly did our share of partying and had our good times," said Matt Montero. So let's PARTY, PARTY, PARTY, LIKE IT'S 1999! *Story by Laurie Mathias*

**Chhheessssee** Smiling for a moment in the locker room, Amanda Foley, Traci Gilmore, and Robyn Good work the camera. Photo by Michelle Wood.



Left: **Saying Good-byes** Rebecca Swift is congratulated by best friend Lindsay Hession at Graduation '99. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

Right: **Up till the Break of Dawn** Eric Wall and Kellie Schremp enjoy the night life at After Prom '99. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

Bottom Left: **Sweethearts** Christie Doebel and Mike Doremus take a moment to pose for the camera. Photo by Lindsay Hession.





## Where did you go this summer?



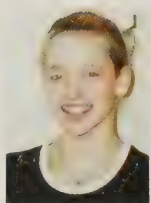
"I went to Myrtle Beach and I'll be back next summer for beach week."

**George Bowen**



"I went to New York a lot and Philly. I danced until I felt like I was going to go into a coma."

**Zach Seifert**



"I went to many modeling agencies in Fairfax. One was called 'Model One'. I decided to sign with an agency in New York called 'Next Models'."

**Tiffany Hite**

## Life As We Know It

Ask almost every student at Stafford High School what their favorite season is and their answer will be summer. This is mainly because there is no school in the summertime. Students have the chance to do other activities such as travel, visit colleges, go to the beach, work, chill with friends, or just sleep late.

Summer is the prime time to vacation, whether it be with families or road trips with best buds. Jennifer Brindle, Angel Dodson, and Lisa Woods went to Myrtle Beach with their close friends a week after summer vacation began. Jen said, "The days kind of all ran together, but from what I remember it was pretty cool." Some students even went as far as to another country. Stephanie Harris went with her best friend to Germany, France, and Spain. "The countries were not as I expected; they were really different from America. But it was the best time I ever had in my whole life," said Stephanie. Traveling to another country enables students to learn about different cultures and how they compare to American ways.

Many seniors at Stafford spent various summer days visiting colleges, while others worked hard earning money in order to pay for college. Heather Demko said, "While I was vacationing in Myrtle Beach, I visited Coastal Carolina University and other colleges in Charleston. I took the opportunity to explore my options." As seniors completed their last year of high school, they prepared themselves to be able to make their own money and be responsible and independent. Summer days allowed students to work a full-time job. It was not always easy but when the paycheck rolled in—the cash was well worth the hard work. Ben Parsons worked at the Gauntlet golf course at Curtis Park this summer. He said, "I drove the golf carts around all day. I flipped one trying to get a fishtail in the downstairs garage."



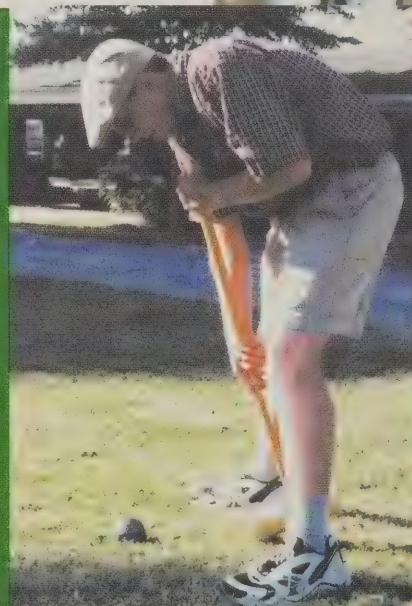
**Top Right: A Couple of Do-Gooders.** Lindsay Hession and Carlee Bruser swept the floor at Fas-Mart as a part of a scavenger hunt.

**Middle Right: For the love of Donkeys.** Nature girl Ashley Dameron makes friends with the donkeys.

**Left: Band Spirit.** The Stafford band had a lot of fun over the summer winning competitions. Members such as Anthony Cowans, Jenny Brooks, and William Smith are proud and excited about their completed goals.

**Right: Summer Games.** In his front yard, John Hewitt plays croquet. Photo by Meghan Hewitt

**Bottom Right: The Comforts of Summer.** On a bright summer day, Laura Baker observes wildlife. Photo by Diana Price



And oh how we love to drive our cars!! Courtney Johnston, a junior, received her driver's license during the summer. She loved to cruise around town in her Dodge Neon with the music turned up loud. She also drove to summer cheerleading practices—which was another activity some students had over the summer. Football players practiced over the summer to prepare themselves for the fall season. "I didn't like two practices in one day almost every day. Yet, I think we're going all the way this year. We have a good team," said Dan Mullins. Field hockey and tennis were other sport teams who devoted summertime to practice.

As the summer came to an end, students looked upon the new year with various emotions. Of course the annoying task of setting the alarm clock and having to get out of bed early for school was not looked forward to eagerly. But the new year brought excitement as well. As the year 2000 quickly approached, students did their best to follow pop singer Prince's words and "party, party, party, like its 1999!" *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*





# Summer



**Daredevil at Stafford.** Josh Burgess went rock climbing at Seneca, New York over the summer. The experience was definitely fun and thrilling.

**Above: A Celebrity Encounter.** Lindsey Diebold and Angel Dodson were able to meet Howard Witt this summer when the girls traveled to New York City. Howard Witt was the star of "Death of a Salesman", a Broadway performance.

**Right: Back that Thang Up!** Watch out for Katie Carter and Tiffany Hite. These girls can cause some damage with their high kicks.





# Construction



**Dangerous Curves Ahead!!** Brandi Lauderman warns her fellow classmates of the dangers in a construction site. Construction of the school was still in progress when school began in September. Photo by Megan Hewitt.

**Espanol Por Favor!** Senor Beverly enjoys teaching his students in his new classroom. Many new classrooms were added over the summer. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.

**Here, Let Me Help You...** Mrs. George helps her students with some chemistry classwork. In the background, classroom supplies were boxed, stacked, and propped up until they could be organized by teachers. Photo by Megan Hewitt.



## Phase Two of the School Renovations

"Phase 2 of the renovations were completed in the all the classrooms upstairs," reported SCA President, Katie Carter. Students this year appreciated the renovations that took all summer long to complete. "The school looks splendid, it's not as ghetto it looks really nice," commented Steve Dodd. Mr. Strickler was pleased as well. "We added lockers, electricity, TV mounts, and 2 new classrooms. We should be able to accommodate at least 1,800-2,000 students." Lisa Maloney agreed that the school looked very good and said, "The new lights, carpet, and ceiling panels make the school so much brighter and more enjoyable." Bonnie Ludlow likes the new carpet the most, "I don't have to worry about carpet mites jumping up and biting my ankles. I can relax and concentrate on my studies better." Besides being able to see down the hallways, and concentrate on schoolwork, "the construction has revised the livelihood of the school for another 20-25 years!" exclaimed Mrs. Sigler, an art teacher. *Story by Ashley Dameron*

**Hey! Stop that!!** *Jon Walsky and Jeff Cooper take time out from fixing the Marine Biology classroom. Photo by Kevin Louder.*

**Careful, Careful . . .** *Heather Groff and Stefanie Troch move aquariums from storage into the Marine Biology room. A lot of the rooms had to be unpacked at the beginning of the year. Photo by Kevin Louder.*

**A Little Paint Here, a Little There . . .** *Sarah Bryant paints the shelves of the Marine Biology room. Students in Marine Biology got face to face with the left over summer construction. Photo by Kevin Louder.*

**Sodium, Chlorine, Sulfur . . .** *Matt Culbreath crams for a big Chemistry quiz in Mrs. George's class. The science rooms were furnished with new lab tables and cabinets. Photo by Chrissy Rubenstein.*

**Hawthorne, Shakespeare, Poe . . .** *Kayla Mott and Meranda George diligently take notes in their English class. English classrooms were added over the summer to accommodate the students of Stafford. Photo by Chrissy Rubenstein.*

**So where you want this?** *Bill Benson helps his Marine Biology teacher, Mr. Brown, set up his new and improved classroom. Many students were kind enough to help their teachers settle into their new rooms. Photo by Kevin Louder.*

### What do you think of the changes to the school?

"I'm in Governor School, so I don't really get to see a lot of the new stuff, but the changes that I do see look great!"

**Susan Walker**



"The air-conditioning really works—all of my classrooms are freezing!"

**Ashleigh Covington**



"The classrooms are a lot cleaner and quieter now."

**Ryan Chewning**

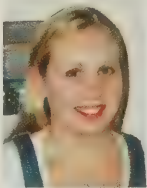




## What sports did you play over the summer?



"I played softball."  
Susan Hatcher



"I played volleyball for the school team."  
Jean Cornwell



"I played field hockey all summer."  
Katherine Thompson

## Fall sports teams gear up for their seasons

As many students wrapped up their summers at the pool, others were already halfway into their sports seasons, working hard to get ahead before their seasons started. Meaghan Wilson, who is one of this year's co-captains for the girl's tennis team, said, "We worked really hard in the heat this summer and hopefully our season will reflect it." Teams sprinted in hotter than usual temperatures to get in shape for games and matches. Varsity football player Matt Matter noted that "it was REALLY hot, but the extra summer practices always pay off."

The band was also hard at work this summer. They carried heavy instruments through sweltering heat, pouring rain, and humidity. They entertained members of various fall sports teams as they marched to the stadium for practice each day. Band member Kristin Hatch remembers playing in the pouring rain, "but it always helps us to practice whenever we can."

Truth be told, half the students out there in the 100 degree heat, the rain, and the mud would rather stay home or sleep in, but braving early morning hours is all part of getting better, and all part of the game. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan*



Top Right: **SLAM!** Meaghan Wilson recovers from the powerful slam she just gave the tennis ball. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Middle Right: **And Here It Comes** Susan Walker prepares to hit the ball at tennis practice. Warm ups consisted of simple hitting back and forth over the net. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Left: **Straighten Up** Eli Sarge prepares for yet another day of football practice. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Right: **Talk, talk, talk** Football player Dan Daly talks with his friends before football practice. Summer teams were a great way for students to make new friends and hang out with the old ones. Photo by Lesley Wall.



Right: **March 2, 3, 4** Robert Leatherland and the rest of his bandmates brave the sweltering heat to practice for band. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Far Right: **S-T-R-E-T-C-H** Preparing for another practice, Varsity cheerleader Lauren Pcsolyar assists Jessica Player in her stretches. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Opposit Page: **Beat the Heat** Decked out in all their football attire, Kevin Sullivan and Michael Scatchard stretch out before football practice. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Opposit Page Insert: **Hold It** Katie Carter strikes a difficult pose as she stretches for Indianette practice. Photo by Lesley Wall.



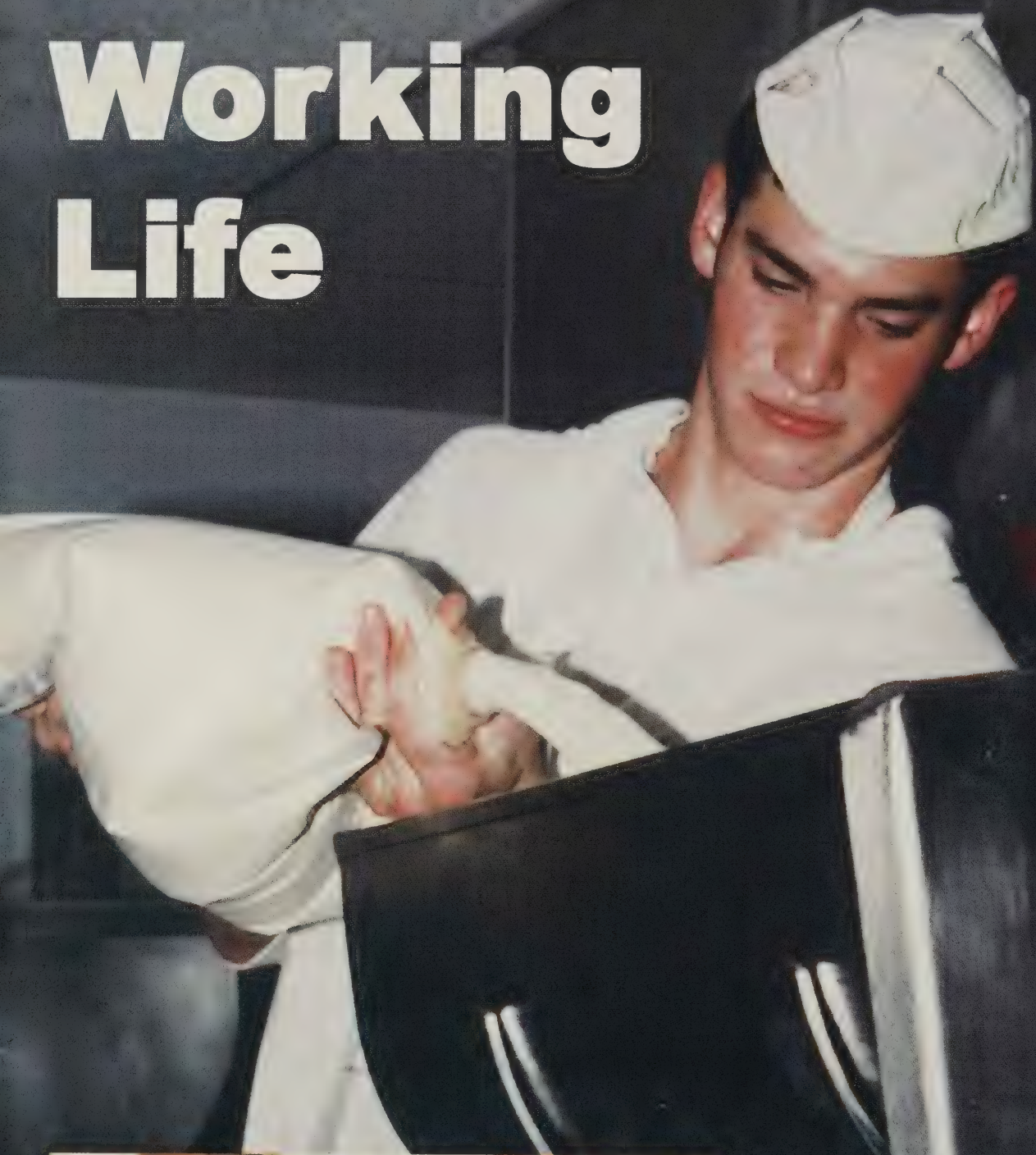




# Hot, Hot, Hot...



# The Working Life





## Teenagers begin to learn the real stress of life.

It's hot and sunny outside, and everybody's enjoying their day at the pool while you're stuck behind a counter working! During the summer, many juniors and seniors were working to try to save some extra spending money. When the school year rolled around a lot of people started quitting all their jobs. Josiah Grigg said, "Working at Pizza Hut with Josh Mills over the summer was pretty cool, but I decided to quit during the school year so I could chill with my buds."

But then there are still some seniors who worked toward their college careers and needed the extra money to put toward their college expenses. Diana Young said, "It's kind of hard working and going to school at the same time. Being an honor student I have a lot of homework and I try to keep my grades up, but I like to have spending money too! Having a job and going to school takes up a lot of my time. But I have to keep my grades up to get into a good college and I have to pay for college!"

Still there's always a fun side to working it's not always boring and hard work. Jill Nelson said, "Work is so easy for me! I work one night a week, and all I do is sit there and 'taste test' ALL the ice cream, so for me working isn't all that bad!"

Even though they couldn't be at the pool all day, most students agreed that both the money they earned and the experiences they gained were worth it! *Story by Megan French.*

### What do you do at your job?

"I play with little kids, eat their snack, play ping pong, and throw a football everyday at the YMCA Daycare."

Jay Blevins



"I have a lot of fun at work. I bathe dogs and then use the pooper scooper!"

Lauren Wood



"I'm mostly at the register and work the floor (not dancing). Its great working in a music store because the music keeps you sane for the entire seven hours."

Robyn Good



Top Left: **Smiles and Grins!!!** Kim Beales keeps on her smiling face to greet staff and customers at work. Photo by Desiree Orwall.

Top Left: **Organize!** James Showers organizes the developed pictures into their designated areas everyday at work. Photo by Desiree Orwall.

Left: **Ching... Ching!!** Laurie Watts makes a sale. While working at the shoe store she always made a lot of sales. Photo by Emily Dursa.

Right: **Squeaky Clean!!** Scott Wolfe spends his working days making sure that all the customers cars got spotlessly clean. Photo by Emily Dursa.



Far Left: **Can I Help You?!!** Blair Lawrence takes orders for ice cream at Fredericksburg's most popular ice cream shop. Photo by Lindsey Hession.

Left: **Your Total Is...** Kelly Coppage who works the cash register at Chuckie Cheese helps the customers everyday. Photo by Emily Dursa.

Opposite Page: **Mix it all up!!** Alex Bratter mixes the ice cream so there will be plenty for everyone. Working at Carl's Ice cream he also helped to prepare your ice cream for you to receive seconds after ordering. Photo by Lindsey Hession.

Opposite Page Insert: **Do You Like This One?** Paul Kalson helps the customer to find that perfect shoe. Everyday he had to make sure that the customer was pleased. Photo by Emily Dursa.



## What was your most embarrassing moment during the first week of school?



"I forgot the top lockers opened so fast and it hit me in the face!"

**Teresa Donaldson**



"I walked up to some guy who I thought was my boyfriend and pinched his butt but he turned around and it wasn't him."

**Casey Harris**



"When I heard the school became a nudist colony and I well... nevermind."

**Steve Miller**

## The first few days flew 'right out the window'

During the first week of school, seniors already began to push their way through the hall with great confidence and a sense of pride. Beneath the towering figures stood freshmen who weren't real sure of where they were going or what to do with the few minutes they had between classes. According to Darcy Pierce, her first thought when she walked through the doors was, "Where are my friends!?"

The teachers at Stafford also had a lot to prepare for. Mr. Brown felt that the first week was "exceptionally successful—everyone pulled together as a team in order to make it happen. The faculty and staff at SHS are 'one of a kind.'"

Once the first week had already passed us by, a basic idea was shared among most students. Chris Horne sums it up: "At first I was looking forward to coming back to school, but once I remembered I had to get up at 6:30 AM, that idea went right out the window!"

Many upperclassmen gained a more positive outlook on the year ahead of them as the first week came to its conclusion. "It was an exciting way to start off what will probably be one of the most memorable years of my life," said Rebecca Graham. As the first week of school approached its end, students both dreaded and looked forward to what was yet to come. *Story by Robyn P. Good.*



**Left: Schedule Changes On** freshman orientation night new student Elizabeth Phillips meets teachers Mrs. Sigler and Mrs. Null. Photo by Leslie Wall

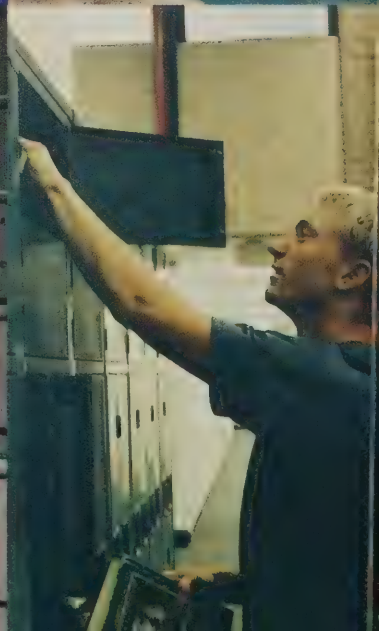
**Right: Getting the Lowdown** Mr. Pugh tells each new class what is expected of them during the school year. Photo by Kevin Louder

**Bottom Left: Uhh... That's what you call Physical Education** Freshmen Nikki Noel, Amiee Scott, and Jennifer Little talk it up before class begins. Photo by Heather Akin

**Bottom Right: Last in the Hall** Justin Salerno quickly gets his books as he runs late to class. Photo by Leslie Wall

**Opposite Page Bottom Left: Key Clubbin'** Officers Emily Dursa and Danielle Blosser hand out information at the Orientation. Photo by Leslie Wall

**Opposite Page Bottom Left: It's a Bird... It's a Plane!** It's Stafford's girls tennis team giving it all they've got as Kate Godfrey, Susan Walker, Megan Wilson, and Krista Eck serve it up. Photo by Matt Catalano





# First Week of School





## What do you like best about the pep rallies?



"I like the music and the cheering of the students."

**Meghan Snellings**



"I like watching the cheerleaders get launched in the air. Getting out of classes early is cool too."

**Sam Ferrebee**



"I like being able to show all of my school spirit while having a super time with my peers."

**Derek Salerno**

## Continuing a High School Tradition

The crowd screamed, the cheerleaders cheered, the band played, and the dance team gave it all they had. This must have been a pep rally. This was one experience that could only be had in high school and could never be duplicated. In a way they felt as if a tradition that has occurred for years was carried on through them. It gave the students the chance to show their enthusiasm toward the school in front of its entire student body. "It's cool just to see all the people that go to our school in the same room at once," said Michelle Ulrich. Another perspective was given by Kristin Maddox who cheered in the pep rallies. "It's cool cheering in the pep rallies because it allows us to cheer in front of people who don't come to the football or basketball games." Others enjoyed the pep rallies for another reason. "I like seeing all of the different sports teams come out," said Matt Blose. Pep rallies had many aspects that appealed to different people, and every chosen Friday all of the elements of a pep rally came together for the ultimate high school experience.

*Story by Steve Miller.*



**Left: Carrying the Note** Jennifer Beard does her part by playing the flute during one of our fall pep rallies. The band was a major part of the pep rallies. Photo by Mark Hughes

**Opposite Page: Leading the Charge!** Matt Montaro storms the floor along with the rest of the football team at this year's pep rally. The football team was the main feature of the fall pep rallies. Photo by Mark Hughes

**Right: Running with Pride** Leading the senior charge in to the gym is Scharlotte Kordich and Kristen Hatch. It was a tradition for the seniors to storm the gym floor during the pep rallies. Photo by Mark Hughes

**Below: Talking it Up** Amber Carpenter gets the crowd fired up at one of the fall pep rallies. She was just part of many events that make the pep rallies possible. Photo by Mark Hughes

**Opposite Page Bottom Left: Steppin' to the Beat** Andrea Hall, Bryannetta Riley, and Tasha Mickens step with all they've got in one of our fall pep rallies. The step team was one of the crowd favorites at the pep rallies. Photo by Meghan Wilcox

**Opposite Page Bottom Left: Dancing up a Storm** At one of the fall pep rallies Katie Carter and Meghan Duvall sport their best dance moves. The dance team always had an interesting performance prepared for the pep rallies. Photo by Meghan Wilcox





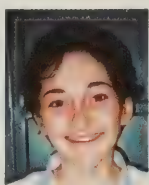
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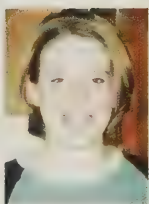


## What Did You Do on Halloween?



"My friend Matt came over and we watched Casper. I was dressed up as an angel, and he dressed up like a slacker, and I fell asleep on the couch."

**Michelle Lynn Wood**



"I went to a party and played pool."

**Bonnie Daymude**



"I trick-or-treated, and conducted plans for a party that never occurred."

**Nicole Swink**

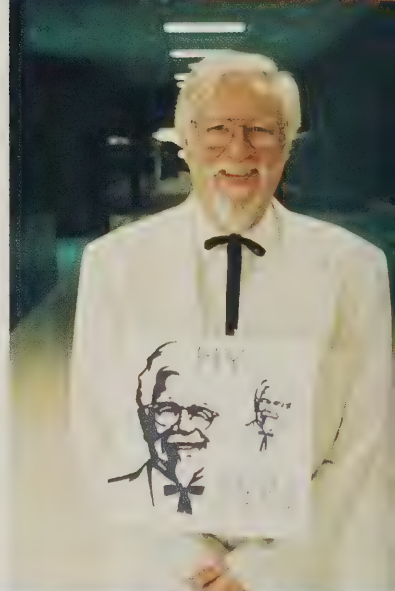
## Halloween gives students a chance to change their identity

Halloween of 1999 was a fun time for most people. It gave them an opportunity to transform themselves into something completely different, and enjoy a change.

Nicole Reinbolt showed her funny side when she declared, "I was a clown on Halloween!" Others went for more of a make-believe effect. "I was a fairy, and I went dancing downtown, sprinkling fairy dust all around," chuckled Alex Schlosser.

Still others showed dedication to their idols, by dressing up as them. Patrick Perrone explained, "I dressed up as a 'Backstreet Boy,' and when all the little ten-year-old girls came to my door trick-or-treating, they kept yelling out, 'Nick! Nick! Mommy, it's Nick Carter!' They thought I was the real deal, but let's just keep that on the d.l...."

Halloween allowed people to become something different for a day. Even if you didn't dress up, you still could have gotten a kick out of all the costumed people roaming the hallways, acting silly! *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*



**Top Right: I Come in Peace**  
Dressed as a star trek character, Karen McGuillicutty truly exhibits the "trekkie" spirit. Photo by Amanda Summers.

**Middle Right: Colonel Sanders Mr. Marshall, orchestra conductor, revels on Halloween in his resemblance to the infamous "Fried Chicken King."** Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Left: Spirit Anyone? Justine Rittenour and Sarah Stamps show their spirit during Homecoming week, by dressing up for "Hawaiian Day."** Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Right: What Is That? Mesmerized by this "thing" in a jar, Carin Stoelker and Kayla Mott examine a praying mantis they found behind the school.** Photo by Mark Hughes.



**Right: Here Kitty Kitty...** Ashley Ludlow adorned herself in leopard attire and "meowed" her way to Halloween fun. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Far Right: Glamour Queens** Priscilla Colombel and Ms. Conner pose for a picture for their fans. Photo by Amanda Summers.

**Opposite Page: Trick, or Treat?** Jessica Lees chose the "trick" when she dressed up as a jester for Halloween day. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Opposite Page Insert: Newcomers to High School Fun** Ashley Aynes, Lacey Haney and Erin McLenagan for the first time experienced the excitement of Homecoming Spirit week. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.





# Halloween





# Spirit Week









# Hey Stafford, Where's Your Spirit?

"Spirit Week" has been an annual tradition, that has been performed the week before Homecoming. It's just a way to get the student body and staff of Stafford pepped up for the Homecoming game, which was against Fauquier this year, and the Homecoming dance that followed on Saturday night.

Spirit week is one of the greatest weeks throughout the school year. "I have an excuse to wear no makeup and truly bum it in my pajamas," said Courtney Johnston.

This fun and exciting week consisted of:

Monday- "Get Up and Go Day"

Tuesday- "Twin Day"

Wednesday- "Hawaiian Day"

Thursday- "Hippie Day"

Friday- "Blue and Gold Day"

Students enjoyed coming to school wondering who was going to wear what, from the funny identical contraptions put together on "Twin Day", to the groovy bell bottoms and braids on "Hippie Day".

Getting ready for the Homecoming dance was also a thrilling thing for the students. Making dinner plans, buying dresses and suits, and getting your hair and makeup done, were just among the few things that students stressed over during the week. Many students enjoyed the anxiety of getting ready for the dance. "It's the one day in the year, that I get up early to iron my boxers," said Oliver Goldman. Mike Carter also shared the excitement. "I'm really excited about going, but I also can't wait until it's all over." *Story by Laurie Mathias*

Top Left: **Steadily Working** Melissa Love works hard painting on the junior float so it can be ready for the homecoming game. Photo by Heather Akin.

Top Right: **EAT IT!!** Shaun Austin scars down pie after pie for the pie-eating contest at the Bonfire. Students could participate in a variety of activities such as the pie eating contest, tug-of-war, and relay races. Photo by Heather Akin.

Far Left: **Quadruplets!....** Stefanie Harris, Diana Young, Kate Godfrey, and Ally Fuller took twin day to the extreme. Photo by Heather Akin.

Left: **Where are the Coconuts?** Displaying their Hawaiian spirit, Catrina Bishop, Sarah Cline, Ally Fuller, and Stefanie Harris show-off their Hawaiian shirts. Photo by Heather Akin.

Far Left: **Struttin' their Stuff** Megan Duvall, Sara Bailey, Katie Carter, and Kristie Bryant do a little dance for their adoring fans. The Varsity Indianettes performed to Mariah Carey's "Heartbreaker" for students at the Homecoming pep rally. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Left: **Talking Over the Final Details** Marc Schubert, Erin Hall, and Joe Czarnik take a little break before they go back to work. Photo by Heather Akin.



## How did you show your spirit during Spirit Week?



"I love "Get UP and Go Day" cause I get to wear my most comfortable pajamas to school."

**Ebony Mathewson**



"I enjoyed making t-shirts and a sign that let everyone know who my twin was."

**Allison Rankin**



"Seeing everyone in wacky hawaiian shirts and grass skirts, made the day a little interesting."

**Danny Labar**



"Hippie Day was the best day of all the days in Spirit Week; it made me bring out my groovy skills that I didn't know were there."

**Taylor Gehring**



"I like being creative with painting my face and putting feathers in my hair, it's just my way of showing my pride in the tribe."

**Veronique Noel**

Opposite Page: **Keeping Warm** Ferida Meyer shows her school spirit at the bonfire. Photo by Heather Akin.

Top Left: **Representin' 2000** Some of the senior girls show their class spirit. Pictured are: (left to right; bottom to top) Lisa Woods, Amber Carpenter, Amanda Lee, Jenny Garrison, Carin Stoelker, Heather Simpson, Angel Dodson, Stephanie Trant, Allyson Rose, Jennifer Brindle, Lindsey Diebold, Megan Duvall, Megan Hanson, and Jan Augustine.

Left: **Preparations....** Lisa Richardson and Tara Sullivan are using their time wisely getting their float ready for the big night. Photo by Heather Akin.





# Homecoming



**Keep It Going** Dural Dawson, number 80, runs a beautiful pass at the Homecoming Football game. The Indians put up a great fight at the game, despite the overall outcome. Photo by Mark Hughes.

**It's Good to be King** Jeff Cooper basks in the spotlight of being king of Stafford, while his queen, Katie Carter thoroughly enjoys the spotlight as well. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Move That Ball!** A Homecoming court member for the sophomore class, Sarah Brown, yells for her team. The first game had been postponed because of rain, so for the second, a huge amount of people were really psyched up! Photo by Heather Akin.



# HOMECOMING COURT

## Senior Court

Warren Grizzle & Bobbi Decaki  
 Jay Blavins & Katie Carter  
 Steven Love & Stephanie Trant  
 Dural Dawson & Heather Simpson  
 Jeff Cooper & Brandi Loudman

## Junior Court

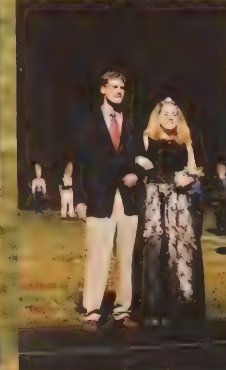
Johnny Cabanero & Jamie Sullivan  
 Danny Lebar & Ebony Mathewson  
 Sean Best & Ashley Polpate

## Sophomore Court

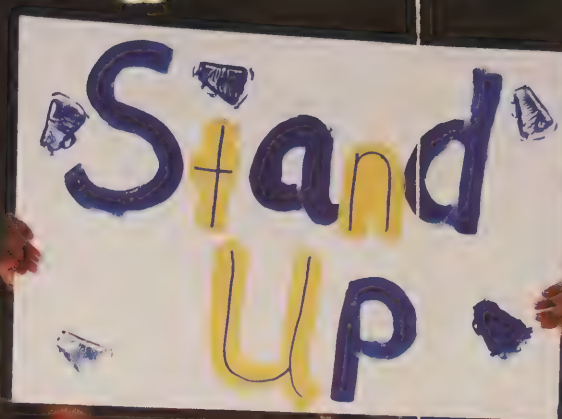
Jamiah Payck & Emily Martens  
 Jay Casarik & Sarah Brown

## Freshman Court

Matt Pitts & Morgan Hubay  
 Charlie Elmore & Tiffany Kirby







**Far Left: Get Up, People!** Chanelle Noel thrusts this sign up in order to get the sophomores and juniors in the pep rally audience to get up and dance. Unfortunately, most of the people in the audience were reluctant to put on their dancing shoes. Photo by Heather Akin

**Far Left Inset: Spread Eagle** Stunting for a cheer routine at the Homecoming pep rally, Angel Dodson smiles pretty for the crowd. The cheerleaders, dance team, and step team always worked extremely hard to put their routines together, and felt great when these routines went well. Photo by Kevin Louder

**Left: He's the Man** Quarterback Brad Hayes gets some playing advice from Coach Pierce. Brad was quarterback while a sophomore - an enormous achievement for such a young player. Photo by Meghan Hewitt



**And the Winner Is...** The juniors show off their winning float for the Float Contest. The juniors worked extremely hard, and with the help of Mr. Welker, made their work number one! Photo by Heather Akin

**What Are You Looking At?** With a confused smile on her face, Brandy Louderman reluctantly poses for a picture at the annual Homecoming week Bonfire. Seniors such as Brandy really went all-out with their school spirit, and had a crazy time. Photo by Heather Akin

**So Much Spirit** Hanging out at the annual school bonfire, Nicky Carper and Stephanie Vukovich show their school spirit. The bonfire was a chance for students to go totally wild for their team! Photo by Joanne Yednock



## HOMECOMING 1999

**King** - Jeff Cooper

**Queen** - Katie Carter

**Float Contest Winners** - Juniors

**Spirit Links** - Sophomores

**Senior Float** - Austin Powers

**Junior Float** - Batman

**Sophomore Float** - Men in Black

**Freshmen Float** - George of the Jungle

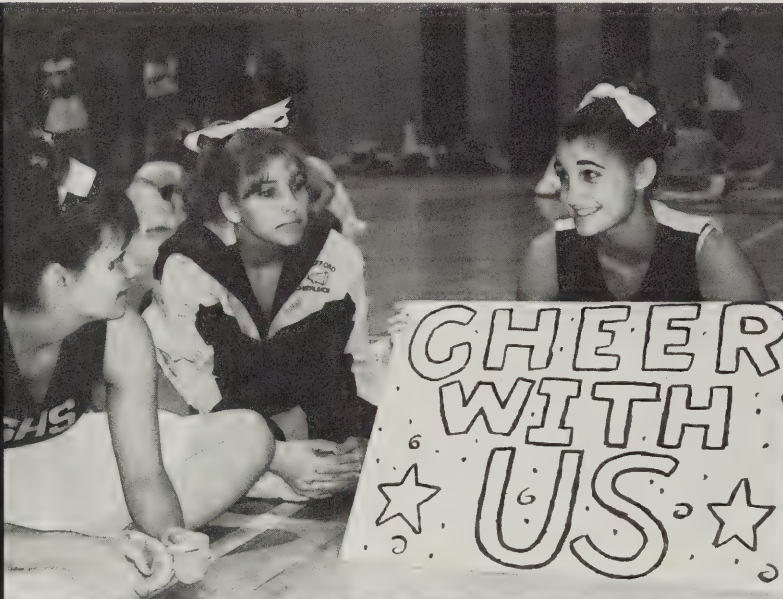


## An event to remember...

"Homecoming is the first really big event of the year," said Allison Rankin. "For the freshman, it's really their first taste of high school." All the boys turn into princes, and the girls into princesses. "Homecoming always reminds me of Cinderella!" said Mrs. Dennis. There are a variety of favorites when Homecoming is mentioned. Some, like Justin Salerno, said that their favorite part was their date. "My date was so gorgeous!" Justin said of his date, Heather Groff. For others, like Maria Hingle, Homecoming was more focused on friends, "It was so much fun getting ready with all my friends this year." Another favorite of this special night was dinner. "We all ate at Sakura's and our chef was so funny!" said Kevin Louder. And, of course, the dance was a big hit! "I loved the theme this year. The colors were so pretty!" said Elizabeth Phillips. With the great D.J. and the awesome dancing, the temperature inevitably rose. "IT WAS HOT!!!" exclaimed Andrene Swader. Whether you liked your date, your dinner, or the D.J., everyone had fun—especially Ian Campbell. "Not many guys can dance like me, so I always ended up having to dance with 8 girls at one time. It was rough!!"

The events were to be started on Friday with the Homecoming football game; however, because of rain, it was postponed until Monday. "It just wasn't the same; a lot of the tradition was gone," said Austin Price. Jason Phipps added, "We weren't as pumped up—but we still played hard!" The "Tough Country Boys" suffered a disappointing loss to Fauquier, but the excitement in the stands was still there. "People still painted up, and there was a pretty good turn out," said Danielle Blosser.

Another tradition that was broken this year was the float competition. As Steve Miller said, "I devoted an entire week of my life in creating the magnificent winning (JUNIOR!!!) float. For that week, I was Batman!" All the floats were very creative. The seniors placed second, with the theme of Austin Powers; the freshmen placed third with their George of the Jungle theme; and the sophomores placed fourth with their Men in Black motif. Although the floats weren't shown during half-time, there was enough excitement in the air. "Even though I knew I had won, I was still so excited!" said Katie Carter of her Homecoming Queen win. The comment from the king, Jeff Cooper was, "I'm turning my crown into an air freshener in the back of my car!" Those that weren't on Homecoming court still enjoyed the ceremonies. "I thought it was so cool how the Marching Band formed a heart around the Homecoming Court," said Jennifer Little. *Story by Ashley Dameron.*



Left Page: **Ladies In Waiting...** Bobbi Decatur and Heather Simpson wait to be called onto the floor for Homecoming Court. Photo by Heather Akin.

Left Page Insert: **Get Down Tonight, WOO!** Students boogie to the beat at this year's Homecoming. Photo by Lifetouch.

Above: **Do a Little Dance...** Hugh Parker checks his position with the referee at the Homecoming Game. The Indians suffered a disappointing loss to Fauquier. Photo by Mark Hughes.

Left: **Let's Get Fired Up!!** Jill Nelson, Megan French, and Jenny Whitten gather their thoughts before the Homecoming Pep Rally. Photo by Heather Akin.

Below Left: **And the winner is...** Katie Carter accepts roses from Mr. Pugh at the rescheduled game. The ceremonies were still done at the game even though the King and Queen were announced at the dance. Photo by Meghan Hewitt.



Right Page Top: **Groovy, Baby, YEAH!** The Seniors pose in front of their second place float at the Homecoming Game on Friday. The floats were ruined by rain moments later. Photo by Heather Akin.

Right Page Top: **Smile Pretty...** Kamera Boose and Sarah Northrup present the King and Queen with their crowns. Photo by Meghan Willson.







# Seniors







Everyone reaches the point when they become a senior. The long hard years of waiting for the last year of school arrived with a surprise to this year's class. Life has quickly flown by, so this year's class made their senior year last as long as they could. Seniors enjoyed the many privileges of being the leaders of the school. Being the graduating class of 2000 was an honor in itself. Privileges included the unofficial honor of being able to cut in the lunch line. Although this was not a school-sponsored privilege, the underclassman let the seniors cut in line. Other privileges included having first options in obtaining a parking permit and exemplifying school spirit, dead center of the bleachers, right in front of the senior cheerleaders at football games. "Being a senior is definitely better than any other class, but we need more privileges. For example, the parking permit scenario is not so much a senior privilege anymore since seniors still have to share the limited parking spaces with the juniors," commented Bobbi Decatur.

Being a senior also means that you are older than the other student classes. Chad Cobb said, "It is cool being a senior because you don't have to wonder if anyone is older than you." Seniors set an example for the underclassmen. The freshman who felt this way could not wait to be seniors themselves. Ryan Warren said, "Being a senior is great since the little kids look up to. It's a great feeling." This was true.

Seniors also have a lot more privileges and activities such as the senior picnic, Homecoming queen and king, and skip days. The seniors this year strove to have fun, yet their fun got out of control at times. All seniors agreed to Carin Stoelker's opinion, "Being a senior isn't a privilege; it just means that our hang time is limited with all our application deadlines and graduating issues to take care of!" Seniors were proud to be the class of 2000. The excitement over the new millennium caused more spirit in seniors. As students go on to college, full-time jobs, or even those who have no future plans, many will never return to Stafford High School. Reality begins and relying on your parents just does not cut it anymore. Friends spent time with one another every chance they got. Katie Carter said, "In junior year you realize who your true friends are. Your senior year you spend a lot of time with these close friends since this is your last year together." Seniors knew how to cherish these times, because being a senior happens only once. The class of the new millennium was a very special class that Stafford will never forget! *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*



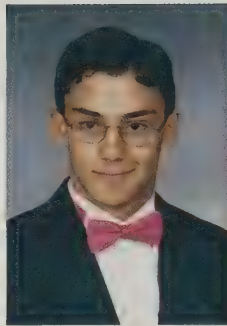
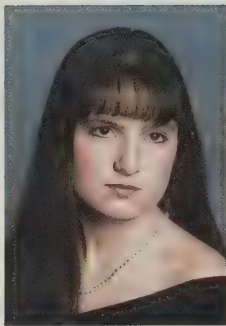
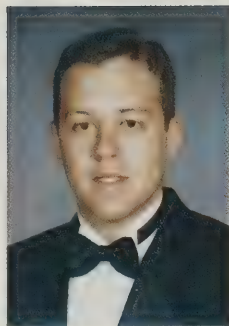
Opposite Page: **Pride for the Tribe**  
*Katie Franke shows her Indian spirit at a Varsity football game. Feathers, body paint, and tanktops were worn by Stafford Seniors at Friday night games.*  
*Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

Top: **Concentration** *Keeping his eye on the game, Jamel Ramsuer observes the field. Senior football players worked hard this year to make the season memorable.* *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

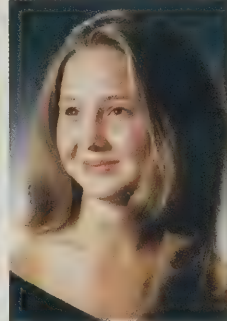
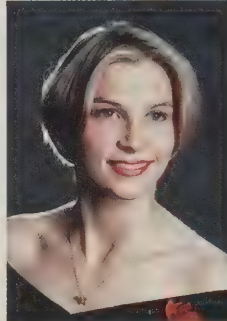
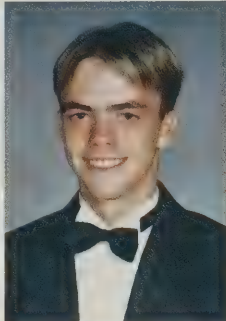
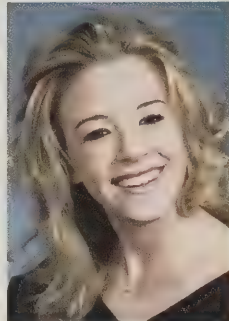
Left: **Seniors Prepare** *Before the powder puff game, Amanda Summers and Heather Groff get ready to begin.* *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*



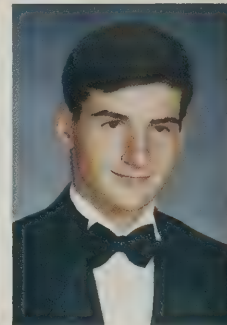
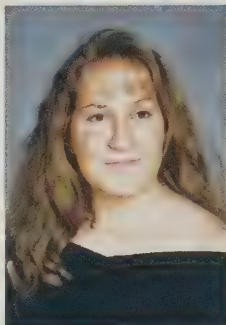
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**TRAVIS ANDERSON** – Masonry 12, Carpentry 11-12, DECA 11, Drafting 9, CTE 11, Tech Foundations 9-10



**COURTNEY ANDREW** – Gymnastics 9, Swimming 10, DECA 11-12  
**KENNETH AUBREY, JR**  
**JAN AUGUSTINE** – Field Hockey 9-10, Swimming 9-11, FBLA 11  
**BOBBIE AUSTIN** – Key Club 11-12, FHA 11, VICA 11, HOSA 9, SCA Rep. 12, DECA 12  
**COURTNEY BACH**



**GHIA BAILEY** – Step Team 10-12, FBLA 9-12, Reporter/Parliamentarian 12, Ethnic Alliance 10, 12, Spanish Club 11-12, Key Club 12  
**CHRISTINE BARBER** – Journalism 10-12, Business Managing Editor 12, Interact Club 10-12, Historian 11, Secretary 12  
**MICHELE BARILL** – Softball 9, 10, 12, Spanish Club 12, Key Club 12  
**TIMOTHY BARNES** – Color Guard  
**MICHAEL BARNUM** – Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-12, Concert Band 9, 11, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 11, Track 11-12

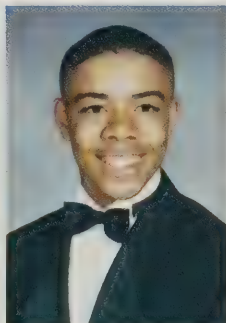


**Who's Got Spirit?....** The senior class breaks it loose at a Friday night football game. Pictured are: Betsy Decatur, Kellie Shremp, Jeff Cooper, Constantin Langa, Melissa Peretich, Christina Cushing, Lisa Thomas, Laura Gardner, and Jennifer Yednock. Photo by Britt Smith.

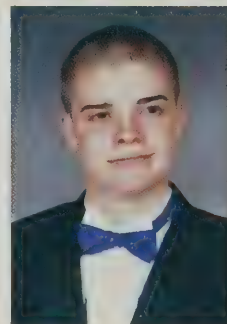
**Getting her education....** Listening attentively, Kristen McCants takes notes during class. Photo by Sarah Bryant.



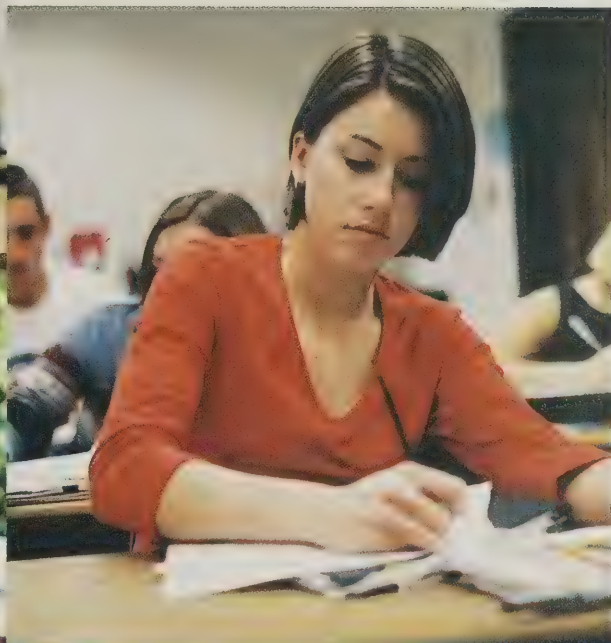
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**GEE-GEE BEAN** – Football 9-11, Basketball 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Track 9-10  
**TRACEY BEARD** – Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 10-12  
**CATHERINE BEHM** – SCA 9, Girls Ensemble 11-12, HOSA 12, Chorale Boosters 9-12, Presidential Choral Boosters 12, Madrigals 12, Chorale 9-10  
**PETER BENNETT** – Cross Country 11-12, Winter Track 10-12, Spring Track 10-12



**WILLIAM BENSON** – Football 12, Swimming 11-12  
**KIRSTEN BERRY** – FBLA 10  
**ROBYN BEVERLY** – French Club 9-11, DECA 11-12, FBLA 9, SADD 10  
**JUSTIN BISHOP** – Smoke Signal Editor-in-Chief 12, Academic Team 12, National Merit Scholar 11  
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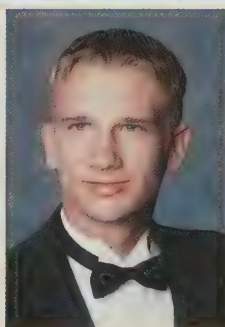
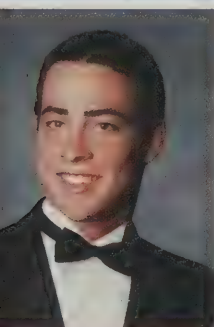




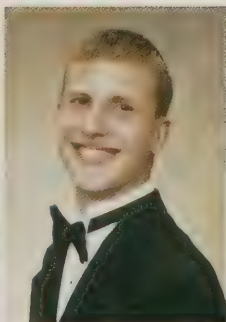
Top Left: **Hard At Work....** Jessica Player works hard on her grades, preparing herself for college. Photo by Sarah Bryant

Above: **Studying the Books...** Kate Godfrey works steadily as always. Photo by Sarah Bryant

Left: **Powder Puff Teammates...** Friends to last a lifetime, Amber Carpenter and Heather Simpson pose for a picture in the front lobby. Photo by Diana Love



11-12, Basketball 9, NHS 10-11, Spanish Club 9-11, Key Club 10-11  
**MATTHEW BLAND** - Varsity Soccer 9-12, VICA 11-12, FBLA 10, NHS 11-12, Key Club 11-12  
**JASON BLEVINS** - Key Club 10-12, Video Yearbook, Smoke Signal, Homecoming Court 11-12  
**AMY BOGARDUS** - Marching Band 9-12, Students-Serving Stafford 11-12, Key Club 10-12, Vice President 11, French Club 11  
**AREND BOLTHOUSE** - NHS 10-12, Soccer 10-12, Swimming 10-12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Focus 9-12  
**JOSHUA BOUTCHARD** - German Club 10-11



Spanish Club 9, Science Club 12, Ethnic Alliance 12, Key Club 12  
**KYLE BOUTCHARD** - JV Soccer 9-10, Marching Band 9-11, Key Club 9-10, VICA 10-12  
**GEORGE BOWEN, JR.** - Wrestling 9-12  
**AARON BRASTROM**  
**DAMIEN BRAXTON** - Football 9-11, Track 10



**If you could be a celebrity, who would you be and why?**



"I would be Howard Stern because he gets all the girls."

**Ben Parsons**



"I would be Gwen Stefani from No Doubt because she's so awesome."

**Bobbi Decatur**



"I would be mini-me from Austin Powers 2... just because."

**Ryan Warren**

# This IS the Year

## Stafford's First Graduating Class of the New Millennium

2000, '00, Y2K, or simply the "new millennium"—whatever you choose to call the big double-O, you can be rest-assured that cheers from Stafford's first graduating class of the new millennium will not be far behind. "This year is going to be awesome," said senior Sara Hatcher.

True to name, being the first graduating class of the new millennium is one of the most exciting feats of the new year. Not only can this year's graduating seniors say that they were the first this century to graduate but "the ring company also made us our own special line of 2000 rings!" said Oliver Goldman.

Being a senior also means simply enjoying your last year of high school. "I love it because we all actually go to the pep rallies now and have so much fun at them," said senior Melissa Peretich. Being a senior is all about enjoying the last years of high school and what better way to do it than on the brink of a new millennium. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*



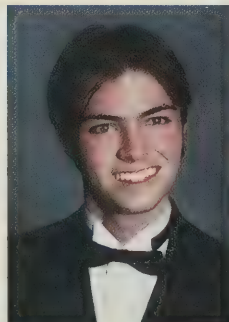
**All Smiles** Anousheh Khalili grins as she develops some film for her photography class. In photojournalism or photography classes, students were not only expected to take the pictures, but develop them as well. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

**Hey, let me see that one...** Betsy Decatur and Caitlyn Faller show their pride in the tribe at a football game. Seniors could be seen in war paint at every football game. *Photo by Britt Smith.*



**KEVIN BREEN**—Cross Country 9, French Club 9-11, Ethnic Alliance 9-12, SADD 9-10, Key Club 10, Drama 10, NAHS 11-12, Literary Mag 11-12  
**ERIK BRITO**—Football 12, Auto Mechanics I & II, VICA, Construction Tech, Tech Foundations, Basic Tech Drawing  
**AMBER BROMLEY**—Spanish Club 10, Sports Trainer 12  
**CRISTINE BROWN**—DECA 12, Students Serving Stafford 11, COE 11  
**CARLEE BRUESER**—Latin Club 9-10, Environmental Club 9, 12, FBLA 10, 12, Drama Club 9-11, DECA 11, Key Club 9-12, Science Club 10-12, President of Science Club 12, NHS 10-12, Spring Track 9-12, Winter Track 10-11, Cross Country 11

**SARAH BRYANT**—Environmental Club 11-12, Yearbook 11-12, Freshmen Basketball, Science Club 12  
**JOSHUA BURGESS**—Varsity Baseball 10-12, VICA 9-12, Varsity Football 10-12, Varsity Field Hockey 11-12, Varsity Tennis 12, Varsity Soccer 10-12, Science Club, Environmental Club, Drafting 9-12  
**BETHANY BURNS**—Students Serving Stafford 9-11, Gymnastics 9, Learn & Serve 12, Science Club 10  
**CHRISTOPHER BURTON**—Football 9-11, Learn & Serve 12  
**KRISTIBURTON**







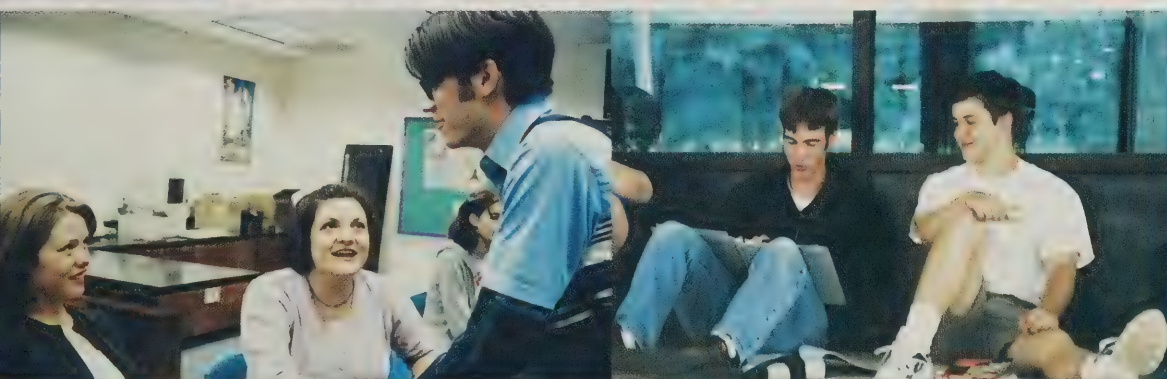
**ANDREW CALLANDER**  
**DANA CANTRELL** - Basketball 9, Track 9, DECA 11-12  
**BRANDY CARLIN** - Dance Team 10, SADD 11  
**ANGELA CARNEAL** - COE 11-12  
**AMBER CARPENTER** - Cheerleading 9-12  
 Captain 10, 12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Yearbook 11-12



**DARRON CARTER**  
**GREGORY CARTER**  
**KATHERINE CARTER** - Advanced Drama 11-12, Indianettes 12, Drama Club 9-12, SCA V.P. 11, SCA President 12, NHS 10-12, Forensics 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 10-12, French Club 9, 10, 12, Key Club 11-12, Who's Who, Homecoming Court 10-12, Homecoming Queen 12  
**RUBEN CARVAJAL**  
**WILLIAM CARY, III** - Wind Ensemble 11, TSA 12, Chess Club 12



**DAPHNE CASHION** - Marching Band 10-12, Symphonic Band 9-10, Jazz Band 11-12, Wind Ensemble 12, Drama 10-12, Advanced Drama 12, HOBY Ambassador 10, Spanish Club 9-11  
**MATTHEW CATALANO** - NHS 11-12, Swimming 9-12, Swimteam Captain 11-12, Track 9-12, Yearbook 11-12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12  
**DENNIS CATRETT** - TSA 10, Spanish Club 10  
**GEORGE CHAMBERS** - Key Club, COE, FBLA  
**CORY CHEEK** - CTE 11-12, VICA 11-12, CO-OP 11-12



**Just Chillin' Craig Hamilton and Nathan White share a quick conversation as they "dine" outside on their lunch. Eating outside was a treat on warmer days for some students, but became unpopular in the colder winter months. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.**

**Huh? Lisa Marietta and Katrina Bishop look up as Jay Underwood gives his thesis on the meaning of life. Actually, making friendly conversation made class a little less stressful for some students. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.**



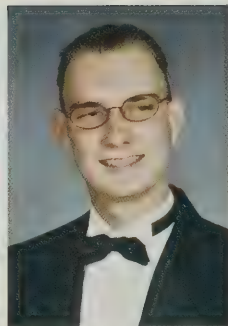
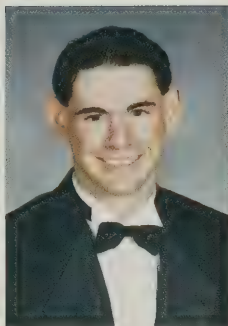
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**SARAH CLINE** - Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, FBLA 9, Spring Track 11, Tennis 11-12  
**CHAD COBB**  
**KEVIN COGLEY** - VICA 11-12, VICA President 12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 10-11, Track 9, Boy's State 11  
**ANDREW COLLINS** - Literary Club 12, Spanish Club 10



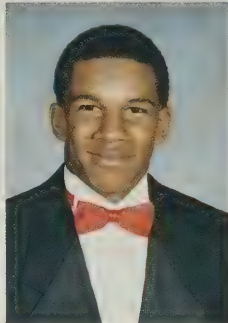
**CHRISTINA COLOMBEL** - SADD 9-10, Ethnic Alliance 9  
**ANASTASIA COMAN** - VICA 11-12  
**JESSE CONN** - Winter Track 9-12, Spring Track 9-12, Key Club 11, VICA 11  
**JEFFREY COOPER** - Senior Class Officer, Tennis 10-12, Key Club 9-12, SCA 9-12, French Club 9-12, Science Club 10-12  
**ROBIN COPELAND** - Drama 9-12, Indianettes 10, Interact 10-12, Ethnic Alliance 10, 12, Key Club 10-11



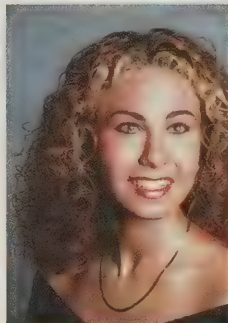
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**AMY CRAWFORD** – Spanish Club 9, COE 11-12, Chorus 9-12, Choral Boosters 11-12, Secretary 11, Vice President and Secretary 12  
**JONATHAN CRIBBS** – Baseball 10-12  
**BRET CURTIS** – Science Club 12, German 12, Spanish Club 9-10, FBLA 9  
**CHRISTINA CUSHING** – Science Club 10-12, Key Club 12, Spanish Club 12, NAHS 12



**ALDI KELLY DA ROCHA** Volleyball 11  
**JULIA DAVEZAC** – NHS 10-12, Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, Smoke Signal 12, Tennis 11  
**DURAL DAWSON** – Football 9-12  
**BETSY DECATUR** – Field Hockey 9-12, Softball 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Science Club 12, Interact Club 9, Key Club 10  
**BOBBI DECATUR** – Field Hockey 9-12, Key Club 9, Soccer 10-12, Track 9-12, Science Club 12, Class President 9, 11, Homecoming Court 11-12, Interact Club 9



**HEATHER DEMKO** – Cheerleading 9-10, Captain 10, Key Club 9-12, NHS 11-12, Who's Who 11-12, Soccer Manager 9, 11, French Club 9, Spanish Club 10, SCA 9-10, Yearbook 11-12, Sales/Advertising Editor 12  
**LACY DETWILER** – Volleyball 12, Drama Club 9-12, Who's Who 9-12, Key Club 10, 12, Spanish Club 9, Ethnic Alliance 10, SADD 12  
**LINDSEY DIEBOLD** – Cheerleading 9-12, Homecoming Court 9, NHS 11-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Science Club 10, Peer Mediation 10, Girls' State 11  
**ANGELIC DODSON** – Gymnastics 9-12, Captain 12, Cheerleading 10-12, Athletic Training 10-11  
**CHRISTINA DOEBEL** – Cross Country 9-11, Winter Track 9-11, Spring Track 9-11, French Club 9, Key Club 9-12, Latin Club 10-11, NHS 11-12, FBLA 12

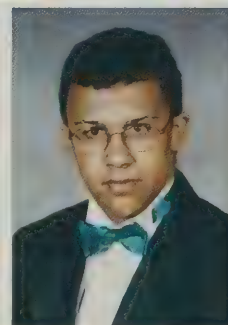
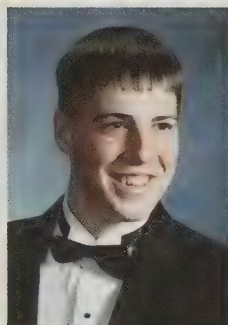
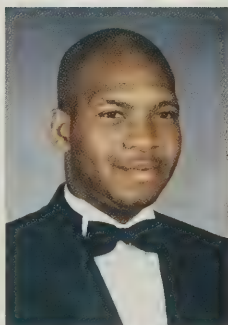
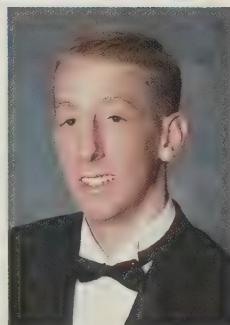


**Time To Write It All Down!!!**  
*Courtney Johnston, Carson Tyson, and other students and staff write and discuss how their field trip for Marine Biology has been.* Photo by Deborah Ornel

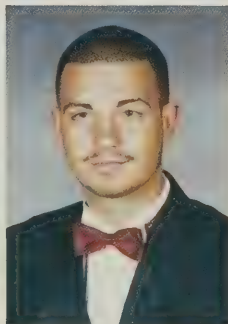
**Walk Like The Amish!!!!**  
*Veronique Noel and Chris Downing dress like the Amish while on the Sociology field trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania.* Photo by Amanda Summers



**ERIC DOWLING** – Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 11-12, NHS 11-12, Basketball 9, Soccer 10, Swimming 10-12, Tennis 11-12  
**CHRISTOPHER DOWNING** – Ethnic Alliance 9-10, Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Spanish Club 9, FBLA 9  
**BRANDON DOYLE** – FBLA 9-11, Soccer 9, 10, 12, Basketball 11  
**EMILY DRIVER** – Marching Band 9, 11, 12, Section Leader 12, Journalism 10-12, Interact Club 9-12, Officer 10-12, Symphonic Band 9, 11, Wind Ensemble Band 12  
**JAKOMA DUDLEY**



**MICHAEL DUER**  
**JOSHUA DULAK**  
**JOHN DUVALI** – FBLA 11, VICA 12, Basketball 9, Golf 9-12, Baseball 9, 10, 12  
**MEGAN DUVALI** – FBLA 9, Indianettes 9, 11, 12, Captain 12, Spanish Club 10-11, Ethnic Alliance 10, SCA Rep. 9, 10, 12  
**DONALD EAGAL** – Football 9-10, Wrestling 9-12, VICA 9-12





# Field Trips

*We're breaking out!!*

We're getting out of here! Every year, students look forward to taking field trips in all of their classes. Even though the field trip might not always be the best one ever it's still a day away from normal school work - a day to relax a little. In the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year, the students at Stafford High School went on a field trip for Marine Biology. "It was the coolest field trip I've ever been on. I didn't really have to do anything - just have fun!" Jay Blevins said.

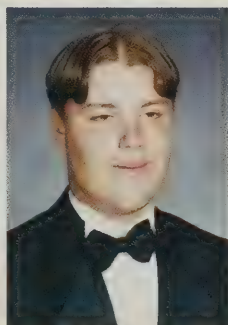
A lot of people complained about how everyone got sick. As Jeff Swidrak, "It was kind of cool until every one got sick. As disgusting as that may sound, there were some students that looked past everyone being ill and had fun while learning something. As Stephanie Harris said, "I had a really good time. We learned about the marine environment, got to catch lots of cool stuff, and it was a great excuse to go to the beach." A lot of students at Stafford realized how much fun the students that went on the field trip had, and now they are looking forward to taking this field trip for themselves next year. *Story by Megan French.*



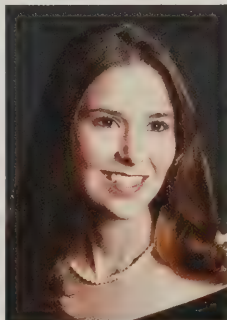
**Top Left: Fun In The Sun!! Laurie Mathias and A.J. Jarnecke play a friendly game of football on the beach.** Photo by Desiree Orwat

**Left: Field Trips, Field Trips, Field Trips!! Amanda Summers, Megan Hanson, Erin Wood, and Amanda Zawora pose for a picture with a Mennonite woman and her children on their trip to Lancaster, PA.** Photo by Mrs. Zawora.

**Mmmm!! Tastes So Good!! Ian Campbell and Kristi Bryant enjoy their tasty homemade ice cream.** Photo by Amanda Summers.



**JOSHUA EARLY** - Soccer 9-12, Concert Band 9-12, Marching Band 9-12, Jazz Band 9-10  
**SARA EDWARDS** - Soccer 9-12, Gymnastics 9-12, Cross Country 11, Volleyball 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Officer 11-12, NHS 10-12, Key Club 9-12, FCA 10, 12, Class Rep. 9, 12  
**CHRISTOPHER ELLINGTON** - Spanish Club 10-11, NHS 10-12  
**SARA ELMORE** - FBLA 9-12, French Club 9-11, Science Club 11, Key Club 10-12  
**MICHELLE EUBANK** - Spanish Club 9-10, DECA 12



**MATTHEW EVERETT** - Key Club 11-12, Students Serving Stafford 11-12, FBLA 12, NAHS 11-12, Spanish Club 12  
**ANDREW FABIAN** - Key Club 12, TSA 12, Chemistry Olympiad 10, Wind Ensemble 12  
**RUSSELL FARMER** - VICA  
**JENNIFER FARR** - Indianettes 9-12, Captain 12, Spanish Club 10-12, Officer 12, Ethnic Alliance 11-12, Secretary 12, Key Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, Smoke Signal 12, Teen Mentor 12  
**JOSHUA FARRAR** - Marching Band 9-12, VICA 11-12



## What is your favorite part of seniority?



"Choosing a college and feeling like I could do anything when I graduate. The world is ours!"

**Meghan Hewitt**



"The feeling of finally being on top. After 11 years on the bottom we have conquered the mountain at last."

**Jonathan Walksy**



"In a few short months I'll be out on my own. Oh yeah! And I can't forget Beach Week, Senior Trip, and Graduation."

**Heather Groff**

# Seniority

## Only One Year Left

Being a senior at Stafford brought along many opportunities as well as responsibilities. It meant having the ability to obtain a parking pass without a problem, it meant having school spirit with no limits, but most of all, it meant only one year left!!!!

While students were full of excitement about their new-found status, some felt that the spirit that accompanied the senior image wasn't as strong as usual. "I think everybody is excited to get OUT of Stafford, so they're not very spirited," remarked Amanda Summers. Still, others enjoyed their privilege and took advantage of them. Craig Hamilton's favorite thing about being a senior was easily said, "I'm guaranteed a parking space."

Most seniors approached the new year with high expectations. Of course they wanted the freedom they "well deserved" after being in high school for nearly four years. To them, seniority had no limits. As the year developed though, the idea of college life came closer and closer to reality, making school a bit more serious. James Ripley portrayed the senior perspective, "I guess I have to put my life more in focus now." The day when seniors would be out on their own in the real world seemed to be approaching much too quick, but for others, not quick enough. *Story by Robyn P. Good.*



**Top Right: And the Crowd Goes Wild!** During a home football game, Lindsay Hession shows her school spirit. *Photo by Kevin Louder*

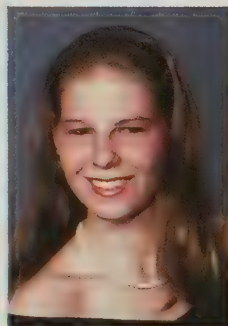
**Middle Right: Watching the Time Fly By** Arend Bolthouse and Jeff Cooper enjoy just hangin' out with friends before a football game. *Photo by Kevin Louder*

**Right: Warrior Paint** Christie Doebl paints up Ashley Ludlow as they prepare to show off their senior spirit. *Photo by Kevin Louder*

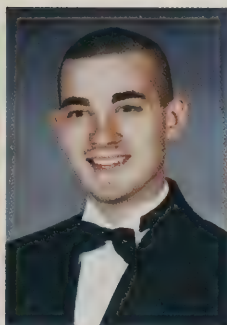
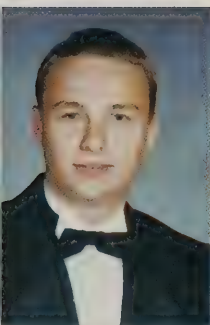
**JESSICA FENTON** - Jazz band 10-12, Soccer 10, Ethnic Alliance 12  
**KELLY FENTON** - COE 11-12  
**ALICE FERGUSON** - French Club 10-11  
**AMANDA FESSLER** - COE 11-12  
**ANTHONY FIESEL**



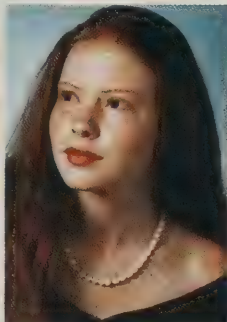
**SAMANTHA FISHER** - EBLA 9-10, Key Club 11, COE 12  
**KATHLEEN FRANKE** - Key Club 10-12, VICA 10-12, Ethnic Alliance 11  
**DARRELL FRENCH** - Masonary 1, VICA, CTE, Football 9  
**JESSE FRENCH** - Cheerleading 12, FHA 11, HERO 11, VICA 12  
**ALLISON FULLER** - Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, Swimming 9-12, NHS 10-12, Tennis 11-12







**BRIAN FULLER** – Lacrosse 9-12, Captain 12, Swimming 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10  
**ROBERT FULLMER** – Winter Track 10, 12, Madrigals 11-12, Literary Magazine 12, Latin Club 9-10, History Club 12, Spanish Club 12, Drama Club 12, Debate Club 12  
**DEREK FULTS**  
**JUELISA GADD** – Key Club 9-12, Latin Club 9-10, Spanish Club 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 12, Treasurer 12, HOSA 11, Treasurer 11  
**HEATHER GALLO** – Wrestling Manager 9-12, Key Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, SADD 10, Who's Who 9-12



**LAURAGARDNER**  
**JOYCE GARLAND** – JV Indianettes 10, FBIA 9, 11, HOSA 10, Key Club 11, SADD 11, Spanish Club 10  
**JENNY GARRISON** – Cheerleading 9-12, Key Club 12  
**TAYLOR GEHRING** – Spanish Club 11, Soccer 9-10, Latin Club 11, DECA 12  
**KARAH GENDRON**

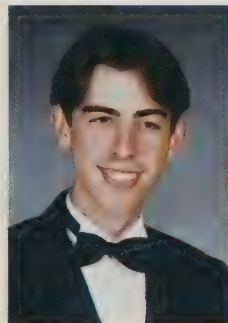


**MARANDA GEORGE** – FBIA 9-12, COE 11-12, Spanish Club 9-12, DECA 12  
**JESSE GLIDEWELL, IV** – Science Club 11-12, SEAP Mentorship 11, Focus Festivals 10-11  
**KATHERINE GODFREY** – Tennis 10-12, Swimming 9-12, Track 9, NHS 11-12, Secretary 12, French Club 9-12, Key Club 9-12, Girls' State  
**OLIVER GOLDMAN** – Sr. Class Sec., Jr. Class Treasurer, Lacrosse 11-12, Soccer 9-10, Cross Country 11, Winter Track 11, Key club 10-12, who's who 11-12, Science club 12, FBIA 11-12, Students Serving Stafford 11-12, Spanish club 11-12, Young Democrats 11-12, Smoke Signal 12, Yearbook 10-12  
**ANNE GOSKA** – NAHS 10-12, DECA 12, APC 9-10, French Club 9, Focus 8-12



**That's What Friends Are For...** Kneeling at a friend's side, Christie Doebel listens intently to Matt Catalano as he confides in her while hanging out at Katie Carter's house. Photo by Kevin Louder.

**A Different Perspective** Erin Hughes and Sarah Cline lie on the driveway as friends paint their stomachs before the big game. Photo by Kevin Louder.



**JOSHUA GRAYSON**  
**DEVON GREEN** – Football 9-11, VICA, Ethnic Alliance 9  
**JOSIAH GRIGG** – Drama Club 9-12, Advanced Drama 9-12  
**MEGAN GRIGSBY** – Cheerleading 9, 11, Drama 9, Students Serving Stafford 11-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Who's Who 11, Track 10, Lacrosse Manager 10-12, Forensics 10-11  
**DAVID GRINNAN** – Auto Mechanics 11, Journalism 12, Drama 12, COE 10



**SHANE GRIZZLE** – Varsity Soccer 9-12, Varsity Cross Country 9-12, Indoor Track 11  
**HEATHER GROFF** – Soccer 9-12, Cross Country 11, Winter Track 11-12, Spanish Club 9, 10, 12, Key Club 9-12, Science Club 12, Environmental Club 9-10, Ethnic Alliance 9-10, FCA 9-10  
**KYLE GRZYB** – Basketball 9-12, Tennis 10-12  
**RUSSELL HALL, III**  
**CRAIG HAMILTON** – Wrestling 9-11, Forensics 10, Key Club 9-12, History Club 12



**KANDIHAMM**

**MEGAN HANSON** – JV Field Hockey 9, Varsity Field Hockey 11, JV Basketball 9, Varsity Basketball 10-12, Varsity Softball 9-12, FBLA 9

**EDSEL HARGIS, JR.** – Drafting 10-12, VICA 11-12

**STEFANIE HARRIS** – JV Cheerleading 9-10, JV Cheerleading Co-Captain 10, Varsity Cheerleading 11-12, Captain 12, Track 11, Key Club 10-12, NHS 11-12, French Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10

**CHRISTOPHER HARRISON** – JV & Varsity Wrestling 9-12



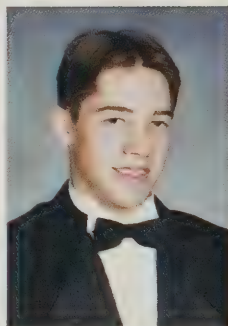
**JUSTIN HARRISON** – Wrestling 9, Football 9-11, VICA 10-12

**MARK HARRISON** – Electricity I, Masonry I, Carpentry I, VICA, CTE

**CHRISTOPHER HARTFORD** – Focus 9-12, Latin 9, Spanish 10-11, Students Serving Stafford 11-12, Track 11, Science 11-12, Historical Society 12, Ethnic Alliance 12, Chess 12

**DELWYN HARVEY** – NHS 10-12, NAHS 11-12, Students Serving Stafford 11-12

**ERIC HARVEY** – German Club 9-12, History Club 10-12, Swim Team 11, Young Democrats 11, Young Republicans 12



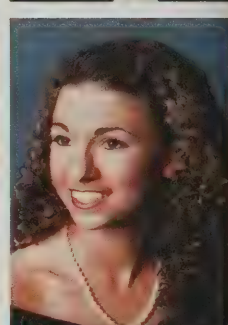
**KRISTEN HATCH** – Symphonic Band 9-12, Wind Ensemble 11-12, Percussion Ensemble 12, Marching Band 10-12, Drumline captain 12, Smoke Signal 12, Key Club 11

**SARA HATCHER** – Field Hockey 9-12, Basketball 9-11, Softball 9-12, Interact Club 9, Science Club 12, Key Club 12, FBLA 9-12, Spanish Club 9, Class President 10, SCA Rep. 10-11

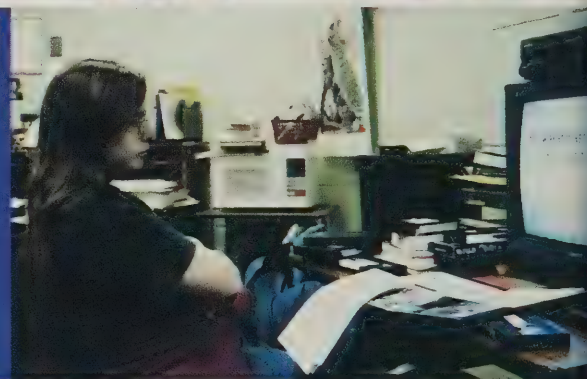
**APRIL HAYES** – Mock Trial 9, Book Discussion 9, Jr. BETA 9, 4-H 9-10

**JUSTEN HAYNES** – Orchestra 9-12, Regional Orchestra 9-12, All state Orchestra 9-12, Governor's School of Music 11, German Club 10-12

**STEPHANIE HEFFERNAN** – Field Hockey 9-12, Soccer 10-12, Track 9-10, NHS 10-12, Treasurer 12, Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, Girls State 11, Spanish Club 11-12, Interact Club 9, Yearbook 11-12



**Who Speaks Japanese? Getting her lesson for the day is Sheri Girard. Students got their Japanese lessons over satellites making it the most technological language at Stafford. Photo by Meghan Wilson.**



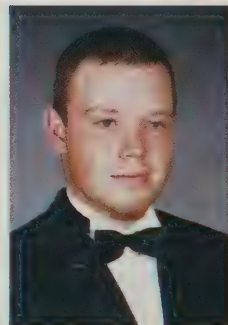
**JEFFREY HENKEL, JR.** – Marching Band 9-10, 12, Wind Ensemble 12, SADD 9-10

**LINDSAY HESSION** – C.C. 9-12, Track 9-11, Swim 12, Key Club 9-12, French Club 9-12, Softball 10, Drama Club 9-12, Science Club 12, Yearbook 12, Ethnic All. 10-12, Hist.Club 11-12, Who's Who 11-12

**MEGHAN HEWITT** – Key Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, History Club 12, Yearbook 12, Chemistry Olympiad 11-12

**NELSON HICKS** – VICA 10-12, Masonary 1-3

**RICHARD HILLEARY** – JV Football 9, Varsity Football 10-12, Varsity Wrestling 9-12, JV Baseball, Track



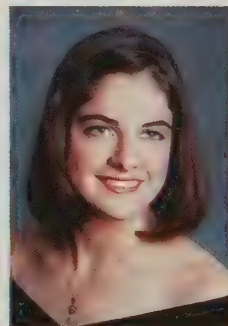
**TIFFANY HITE** – Advanced Drama 9-12, Drama Club 10-12, Varsity Indianettes 12, NHS 9-12, Ethnic Alliance 10-12, Key Club 11, Captain Cheerleader 9, Forensics 11-12, Marching Band 9, French Club 9, Who's Who

**CHRISTOPHER HORNE**

**THOMAS HUDSON** – Football, Automachinics, Masonry, Constuction Technology

**ERIN HUGHES** – Swimming 9-12, Tennis 10, 12, Track 10, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, FBLA 9-10, NHS 11-12, Yearbook 11-12, Yearbook Sales Editor 12, Smoke Signal 12, Chemistry Olympiad 10, Soccer Manager 11

**CARRIE HUTCHINSON** – Spanish Club, Chorus





# On Their Own

## Looking beyond

Every year, as students planned their schedules for the next year, there were some students who looked beyond the given choices for their classes and into the world of independent studies. These students chose a topic that for one reason or another they wished to explore on their own. The topics that they chose ranged from liberal art subjects such as AP Psychology to more practical areas such as AP Physics. Christie Doebel who took AP Psychology said, "It's really nice just to have an entire period to yourself, it's a really pleasant working environment." Justin Salerno agreed when he said, "I took an independent study for two reasons, because AP Physics is not offered at the school and because I don't like people!"

Even though these students had a period to themselves, this was nowhere near easy. It was not a free period by far. The students were constantly busy, trying to complete the material that they outlined for themselves the previous spring. Despite all the work the students somehow managed to have a good time. When asked about independent studies, Jay Underwood said, "I love independent study because it allows me to take part in two of our country's greatest achievements, independence and studying." The students, all agreed on the fact that an independent study allowed them to expand their horizons as well as their minds. *Story by Steve Miller.*

### What did you do for your independent study?

"An independent study is an enigma within itself. In order to even begin to analyze it we must break it down to its most basic form: "inden" and "endent study". These roots in themselves are enigmas, helping us understand the true complexity of the issue."

Jay Underwood



"I had an exciting experience studying and learning about the world of AP Physics."

Justin Salerno



"I worked on basic skills of photography."

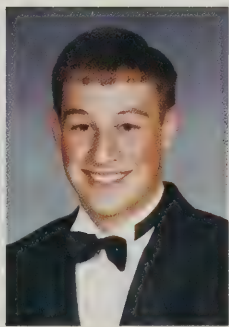
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**Top Left: Hitting The Books** Justin Bishop studied up during his independent study period. Students often times found constructive ways of keeping themselves busy during this period. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Middle Left: That Looks Good** Bri Bevan develops and studies her film in search for the perfect picture. This was all part of her photography independent study. Photo by Rebecca Graham.

**Left: If My Calculations Are Correct** Justin Salerno finds ways to manipulate time in space during his AP Physics period. AP Physics was a popular independent study at Stafford. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.



**CARA HYNDEN** - Tennis 10-12, Co-captain 12, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Concert Band 9-12, Powder Puff 12, Symphonic Band 9  
**LINDSEY JACOB** - Key Club 9-11, Indianettes 10, NAHS 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10, Science Club 11, SADD 9-11, DECA 12, Environmental Club 9  
**ANDREW JARNECKE** - Swimming 9-12, French Club 9-12, Treasurer 11, Interact Club 10, Key Club 12, FBLA 12, History Club 11-12, FCA 12  
**BRANDON JENNINGS** - NHS 10-12, Marching Band 9-11, Jazz Band 9-12, Spanish Club 11, Basketball 9  
**ELIZABETH JOHNSON**



**JOSEPH JOHNSON** - Varsity Tennis 10-12  
**KRISTEN JOHNSON** - Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 10, FBLA 12, Step Team 11-12, COE 11-12, Science Club 12  
**BONNIE JONES** - Cheerleading 9-10, Spanish Club 11, COE 11-12, FBLA 12, Key Club 12  
**HEIDI KEATING** - Track 9-10, Art 9-12, Spanish Club 9  
**CHRISTOPHE KEITH** - Football 9-10, Soccer 10, DECA 11-12



## Top 20 Grossing Movies of 1999\*

- 1 Star Wars: The Phantom Menace
- 2 The Sixth Sense
- 3 Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me
- 4 The Matrix
- 5 Tarzan
- 6 Big Daddy
- 7 The Mummy
- 8 Runaway Bride
- 9 The Blair Witch Project
- 10 Notting Hill
- 11 Wild Wild West
- 12 Double Jeopardy
- 13 Analyze This
- 14 The General's Daughter
- 15 American Pie
- 16 Inspector Gadget
- 17 The Haunting
- 18 Entrapment
- 19 Payback
- 20 Toy Story 2

\*As of December 6, 1999

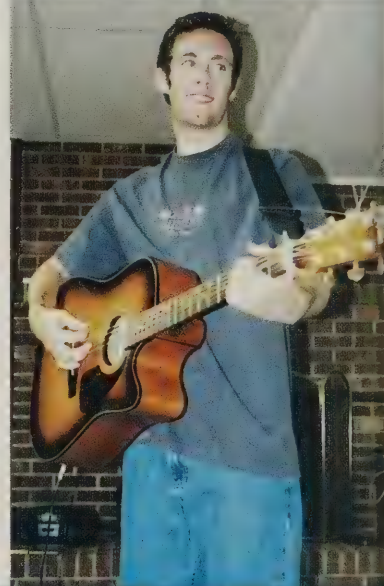
## Time Well Spent

### Hanging Out After School

It was 2:15, the bell rang and students piled into the parking lot to get to their cars. Why were they in such a hurry? Where were they going? Home.....work.....tail-gating... the YMCA... to an after school sport? Seniors fell into all of these categories. "I have a car, therefore I work," said Brandi Lauderman. Working was something that many seniors did after school. "It may not be fun and exciting, but it's a part of life," said Jonathan Walsky. Also many of the graduates of the new millennium worked out at the YMCA. Fitness had become a new trend just like the bottled water. "I go to the Y about every other day to build muscle for baseball," said J.R. Royston, "The stronger I am, the less likely I will obtain an injury during the season." Not only did the YMCA build strength, but it also kept people healthy and in shape.

Sports was another way that time was spent this year by the graduating seniors. "We practice every day for two and a half hours," Betsy Decatur said. "By the time that I get home and finish any homework that I have, there's no time, and I'm too tired to do anything else."

While others were working hard at practice or at work, there were always those who had the luxury of going home or hanging out at a friend's house. "I usually go home and go back to sleep," said Josh Boutchyard. On a Friday night you could usually find the seniors at the football games or at the basketball games cheering on their fellow classmates. "I enjoy painting up for the games and acting a little crazy," said Amanda Lee. There was no true place that everyone went to hang out, though, as stated by Stephanie Heffernan, "It's Fredericksburg, what do you expect?" *Story by Laurie Mathias.*



Top Right: **Working Out Jonathan Walsky** work out at the YMCA. Photo by Matt Catalano.

Middle Right: **Making Noise Eric Wall** plays his guitar during a Young Life meeting. Photo by Heather Akin.

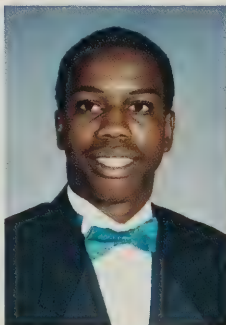
Right: **Practice Makes Perfect Brian Fuller** and others practice outside. Photo by Heather Akin.

Left: **Friends Ryan Warren and Josh Burgess** are hanging out before a football game. Photo by Heather Akin.



**NICOLE KELLY**  
**RUDOLPH KELLY, JR.** - Basketball 9-12, Football 12, FBLA 12, Ethnic Alliance 12  
**NANCY KELMINSKI** - Drama 9-12, Key Club 9-11, Spanish Club 9-11, Publicist 11, SADD 10, Basketball Manager 9-10  
**BRYAN KERSTETTER** - Baseball 9-10, VICA 9-12, Drafting 9-11, Auto Mechanics 12, FBLA 12  
**LOUISE KHALILI** - NAHS 10-12, Vice President 11, Ethnic Alliance 9-12, Vice President 11, President 12, French Club 9-11, Drama Club 9-10, Literary Magazine 11-12

**ELIZABETH KINCAID**  
**ROBERT KING** - Smoke Signal 11, Lacrosse 12, Drama 11, Key Club 11, French Club 11-12  
**KAMILAH KITTRELL** - Step Team 11, SCA 12, DECA Officer 12, FBLA 11, FBLA Officer 12  
**AMANDA KOPPEL** - VICA 11-12  
**SCHARLOTT KORDICH** - Majorette 9-12, Head Majorette 11, Feature Twirler 12, Science Club 12, FBLA 11, Wind Ensemble 10-12, Concert Band 9







**AUGUSTA KUCHINSKI** – French Club 9-12, Secretary 11-12, NHS 10-12, Yearbook 11-12, Key Club 9-12, French NHS 10-12  
**JENNIFER KUHN**  
**CONSTANTIN LANGA** – French Club 10-12, Boy's State 11, NHS 10-12, Weightlifting 9-12, Cheerleading 12, French NHS 10-12  
**KATRINA LANSDON**  
**APRIL LAPWORTH**



**HUEI LAU** – FBLA 9-12, Key Club 10, 12, Spanish Club 11-12, French Club 12  
**BRANDI LAUDERMAN** – Latin Club 9-12, Key Club 9, 10, 12, Class Treasurer 9, 10, 12, Students Serving Stafford 12, Cheerleading 9-10, Indianettes 12, Drama Club 11  
**BLAIR LAWRENCE** – NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Key Club 9-12, FBLA 9, SADD 10, Science Club 12  
**MATTHEW LAWRENCE** – Drama Club 11-12  
**ROBERT LEATHERLAND** – Jazz Band 10-12, Marching Band 11-12, Symphonic Band 11, Wind Ensemble 12, Key Club 10, Spanish Club 10-11



**AMANDA LEE** – Field Hockey 9-11, Basketball 9-11, Interact Club 9, Spanish Club 10-12  
**JESSICA LEE** – FBLA 11-12, SADD 11, Spanish Club 9-11, Marching Band 9  
**STEPHANIE LEE**  
**JESSICA LEES** – Spanish Club 9, FBLA 9, Key Club 9, 10, 12, Indianettes 10, Wrestling Manager 9-12  
**LINDSEY LEMOINE** – Marching Band 9-12, Wind Ensemble 11-12, Spanish Club 10-11



Left: **Music to the Ears...** Playing an electric guitar, Jay Underwood practices his tune at Kevin Louder's house. Photo by Heather Akiri.

Right: **Everybody Smile...** Posing for a picture before getting painted up, Erin Hughes, Sarah Cline, Heather Demko, and Christie Doebel crack a smile. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.



**LUKE LENZI** – VICA 9-12  
**JENNINGS LESTER** – Football 9-10, VICA 9-12, CTE 11-12, Carpentry 9, 11, Masonry 11-12, Auto Mechanics 9-11  
**KIMBERLY LOCKETT** – Exchange Student to Russia 11, AFS 11-12, Key Club 9-12, Ethnic Alliance 10, 12, French Club 9-11, Spring Track 10, COE 12, Volleyball Intramurals 11, Winter Track 9, SADD 10  
**DANA LOGAN** – FBLA 9, Key Club 9, Drama Club 10, Spanish Club 11, Literary Magazine 11, 12, Editor 11, Ethnic Alliance Vice President 12  
**JUSTIN LONG** – Lacrosse



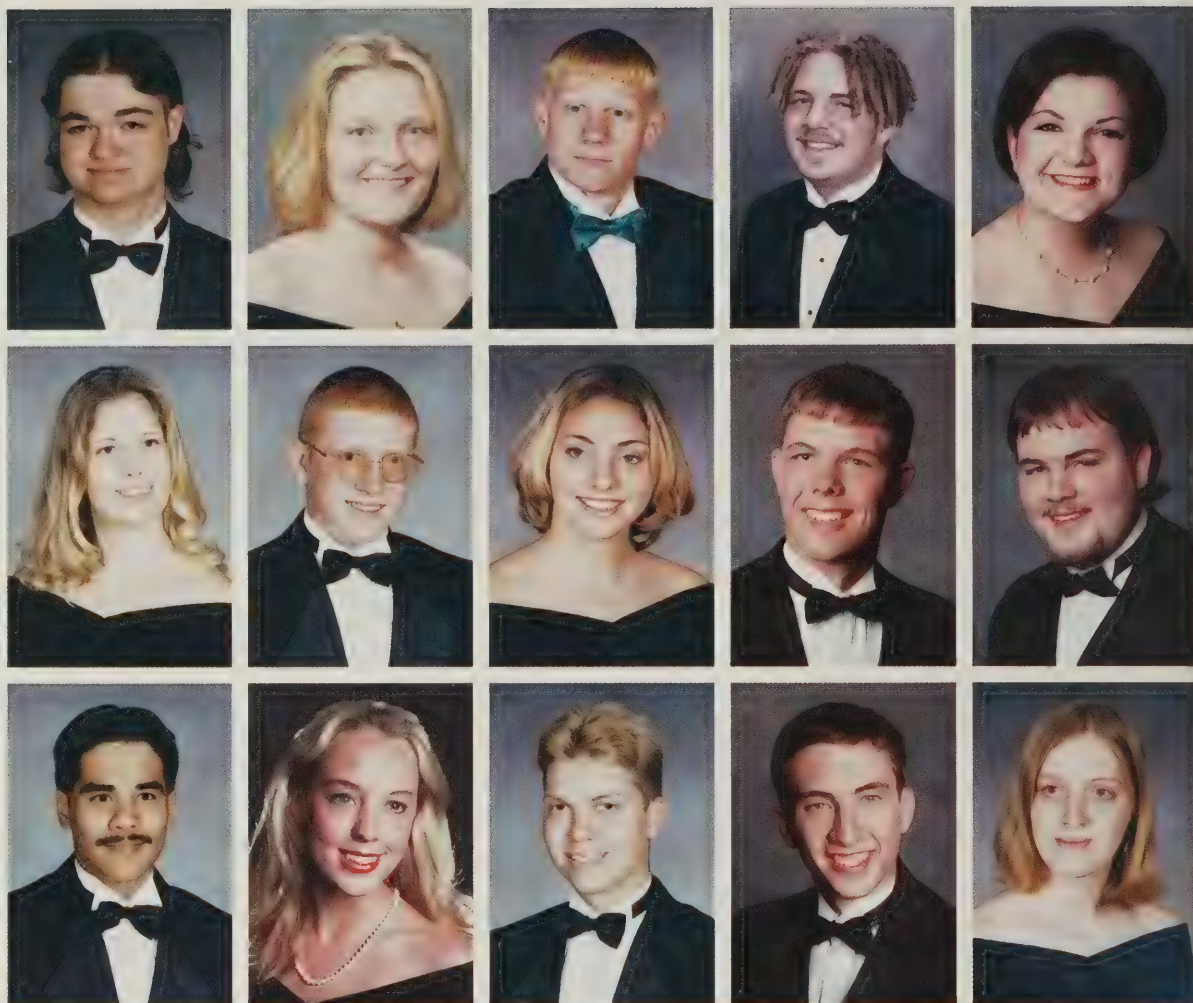
**STEVEN LOVE** – Baseball 10-12, Football 9-12, Key Club 11-12, FBLA 12, Spanish Club 10-11  
**CARRIE LOVING** – Softball 9-12, Basketball 9, DECA 11-12, Spanish Club 9-10  
**BRANDON LUCK** – VICA  
**ASHLEY LUDLOW** – Key Club 9, 10, 12, Spanish Club 9-12, Secretary 11, Leadership Team 12, NHS 11-12, Yearbook 11-12, Science Club 12, Mentoring Program 12  
**SHANA LUMB**



**JEFFREY MACDONALD** – Literary Magazine 10-11, Drama Club 11  
**KIMBERLY MADISON** – DECA, FBLA, HOSA  
**KEVIN MAHONEY, JR.** – Marketing I & II, Food Occupations  
**ZACHARY MAPLES** – VICA  
**LISA MARIETTA** – Volleyball 9, Drama Club 9-12, Forensics 9-12, SCA Treasurer 12, SCA 9, 11, 12, Sophomore Class President 10, Key Club 11-12, NHS 11-12, Latin Club 10-12, French Club 9, Mentoring Program 11-12

**DANA MARSHALL** – FFA 9, Science Club 9, Latin Club 10, FHA treasurer 10, Spanish Club 11, FBLA 12, 4-H 9-12  
**TIMOTHY MARTIN**  
**LAURIE MATHIAS** – Gymnastics 9, Cheerleading 10-12, Key Club 9-12, SCA Rep. 9-11, Spanish Club 10, Soccer 10  
**MATTHEW MATTER** – Football 9-12, Basketball 9-12, Lacrosse 12, FBLA 11-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9  
**FORREST MATTHEWS**

**MICHAEL MAYDEN**  
**KRISTIN McCANTS** – Soccer 9-12, Marching Band 10-12, NHS 11-12, Key Club 9-12, Winter Track 9-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Jazz Band 9-10, Concert Band 11-12  
**ANDREW McCARTNEY** – DECA President 12  
**WILLIAM McGEE** – Basketball 9-10, FBLA 11-12, DECA 12  
**KAREN MCGILLICUDDY** – Historical Society 11-12, President 12, NHS 11-12, Latin Club 9-11



Left: **Let's Cheer! The cheerleaders, Matt Monterio and Eli Sarge, received a lot of attention as they tried to excite the crowd.** Photo by Diana Price

Right: **Seniors Score! Brandi Sharp and Lisa Thomas show their enthusiasm for their team.** Photo by Diana Price

Far Right: **Ready to Attack. Heather Simpson and Jessica Player are ready to play some football.** Photo by Meaghan Wilson



**HEATHER MCGINNESS** – Students Serving Stafford 11-12, Soccer 10, German Club 9-11  
**TONYA MELKOVITZ** – CTE 11-12, VICA 11-12  
**GARY MELLETT, III** – German Club 12, VICA 12, Ethnic Alliance 10  
**WILLNETT MICKENS** – FBLA 9, Step Team 10-12, Captain 12, Key Club 11-12, Spanish Club 11, Ethnic Alliance 12, FCA 11-12, Co-captain 11, FCCLA 11-12  
**LINDSEY MILEY** – Drama Club 12, Literary Magazine 12

**ANGELA MILLER** – Interact Club 10, Spanish Club 10-11  
**DANIEL MILLER**  
**WILLIAM MONAGHAN, III** – Baseball 10, Auto Tech 11, DECA 12  
**ANDREW MONDAK** – German Club 10-12, Key Club 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 12  
**ELISA MONFORMOSO** – Volleyball 12, French Club 12, Drama Club 12, Latin Club 12







# Powder Puff

*Seniors showed the juniors how football is played.*

The year of 1999's Powder Puff football game between the class of 2000 and 2001 will never be forgotten. The senior girls defeated the junior girls with a final score of 7 to 0. Coaches Steven Love, Matt Matter, and counselor/football coach Mr. Woodside led their girls to success. Coaches Matter and Love both agreed, "We are really glad that we won! We also learned a lot. But the girls really scared us!" The juniors were not able to defend their game on the field. The class of 2000 also beat last year's seniors during last year's Powder Puff game. These girls know the feeling of undefeated victory. Many feel that football should be a real sport for girls as well.

The many fans who came to the powder puff enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Indianettes and cheerleaders. The male cheerleaders did a great job cheering on their teams. Senior Oliver Goldman said, "The Powder Puff and Googa-Mooga are the only times when guys can dress in miniskirts." As much as the boys denied it, they enjoyed being girls for a couple hours. The boys had practice previous to the game where Stafford's varsity cheerleaders taught them their talent. The boys tried their hardest to be as spectacular as the cheerleading squad. The Indianettes also practiced hard to prepare for their half time show. "The dances were really hard and I felt really dumb, but it was okay," said Ben Parsons. The boys learned that they could dance very well. Everyone at the game loved the half time show. The Powder Puff was a game the seniors of the class of 2000 will never forget. *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*

**What did you do in Powder Puff?**

"I was a massive senior football player and put the smack down! Go number 75!"

**Allyson Rose**



"I was defensive linebacker for the junior team."

**Courtney Johnston**



"I was a part of the chain crew. I accidentally tried to cheat for the seniors one time, but was caught."

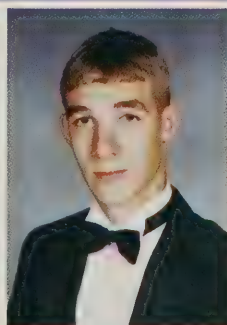
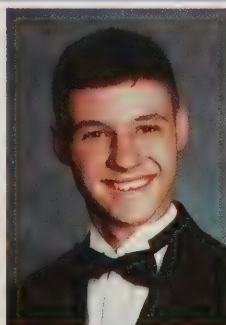
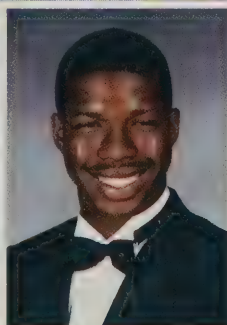
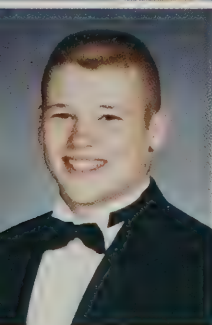
**J.R. Roysten**



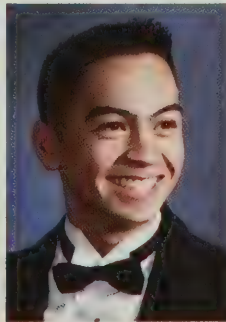
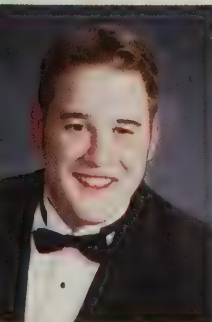
Top Left: **Win or Lose?** Nicole Zwileneff and Heather Groff watch the game from the sidelines. Photo by Diana Price.

Middle Left: **A Royal Pair** King and Queen of the Powder Puff were Amanda Lee and John Yeager. The King and Queen were chosen by the senior class. Photo by Diana Price.

Left: **Some Tough Seniors!** Stephanie Trant, Amanda Lee, Laurie Mathias, and Carrie Loving are ready to play. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.



**MATTHEW MONTEIRO** - Football 9-12  
**DEREK MOORE**  
**KAYLA MOTT** - Cheerleading 9-11, NHS 10, NAHS 10-12, Track 10, Color Guard 10, German Club 11-12, Drafting 11-12  
**MICHAEL MOYERS, JR.** - Basketball 9-12, Tennis 10, 12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-11, SADD 9, Homecoming 9, 10  
**ROBERT MULLEN** - Football 9, Masonry I & II, VICA 11-12



**NICK MULLENKAMP**  
**DANIEL MULLINS** - FHA 11-12, Chorus 10-12, Football 9, 10, 12, Chorale Booster 10-12  
**MRYAN MUSSELMAN** - VICA 9-12, CTE 11-12, Electricity 11-12, Focus 9-12, TSA 9-12  
**WILLIAM NEESE** - VICA 9-12, German Club 10-12, Video Broadcasting 12  
**STEPHANIE NESMITH** - Marching Band 9-12, Drum Major 11-12, Spanish Club 10-12



## What college are you going to?



"I'm going to James Madison University"

**Melissa Peritech**



"UVA — All The Way!"

**Kellie Schremp**



"I want to go to UNC—Greensboro!"

**Christina Cushing**

# Colleges

*Senior year is a time to have fun, make memories, and prepare to go to college!*

Most seniors were overjoyed and definitely ready to "get out of Stafford, Virginia," exclaimed Kellie Schremp. Others, said Christina Cushing, are "scared and going to miss their mommies a lot." Most said that they didn't want to grow up. "College is going to be so different," commented Melissa Peritech. "The biggest difference between high school and college," said Chris Horn, "is going to be that I have to take care of myself, by myself." Deciding where to go and what college to go to was "the hardest thing ever," said Heather Groff. For others, like Kellie Schremp and Chris Horn, it was easy. "I love Florida," said Kellie, "The only thing that made my decision hard was that it was so far away." After visiting Virginia Tech, Chris Horn decided he wanted to go there because "it's big and it has a good Computer Science program." Christina Cushing wanted to major in something different. She explained, "I want to major in Art Therapy!" Whether they were scared, full of anticipation, or so happy they couldn't stop smiling, every senior was looking forward to the "FREEDOM of living by themselves on a college campus!" said Lindsay Hession. *Story by Ashley Dameron.*



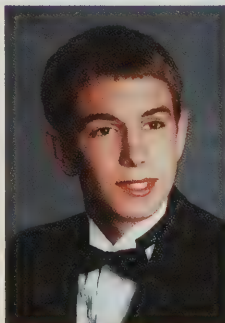
Top Right: **Smile for the Camera...** Heather Demko poses for a picture while visiting Longwood. Many seniors spent time over the summer touring colleges. *Photo by Ashley Ludlow.*

Right: **Wanna be a Wildcat?** Valerie Rodrigues fills out a questionnaire for the Villanova Wildcats, while Augusta Kuchinski takes a brochure. *Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.*

Left: **Taking it all in...** Kellie Schremp, Eric Wall, and Ashley Ludlow soak up information on different colleges. Seniors took advantage of all the information they could get about colleges at College Night at Spotsylvania Mall. *Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.*

ALAYNA NEWBY — VICA 11-12  
JEFFREY NEWTON, JR. — Spanish Club 9-12, Key Club 11-12, NHS 10-12, FBLA 12  
VERONIQUE NOEL — Basketball 12, Track 11-12, Step Team 12, ROTC 12, Key Club 12, Spanish Club 12, FCA 12, DECA 12, Art Club 11, Student Council, Multi-culture Club 11  
WENDY O'BRIEN — Basketball Manager 9, Key Club 10, FHA 11, DECA 12, FBLA 12  
MASON O'ROARK

DESIREE ORWAT — Indianettes 9-10, Key Club 9-12, Sports Trainer 11, HOSA 11-12, Students Serving Stafford 12, Yearbook 11-12, Spanish Club 10  
MARIE OSBORN — VICA 12  
CHRISTINE OUELLETTE — NHS 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Wind Ensemble 10-11, Marching Band 9-10  
KRISTINA PALMER — Swimming 9-12, Jazz Band 11-12, Marching Band 12, Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 9-12, Chemistry Olympiad 10  
HUGH PARKER — Basketball 9-12, Baseball 9, 12, Football 12, Spanish Club 9, FBLA 12



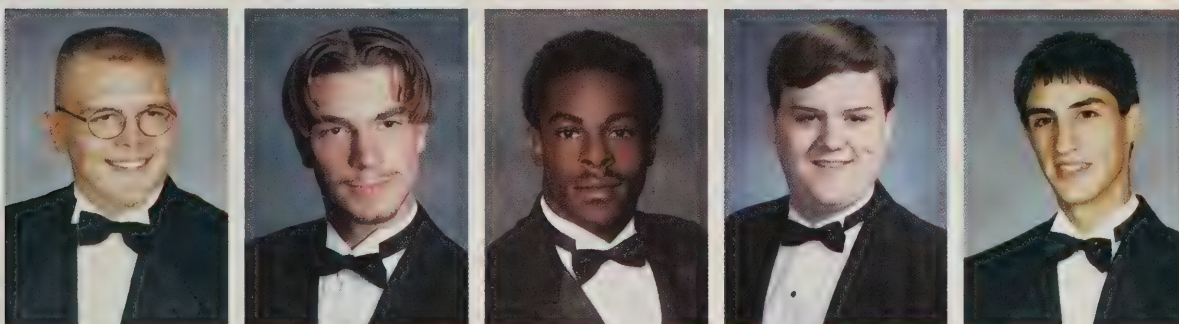




**BENJAMIN PARSONS** – Baseball 9-12, Golf 11-12, Basketball 12, VICA 12  
**J. BLAIR PARSONS** – Students Serving Stafford 11-12, FBIA 10-11, Spanish Club 10-12, Chess Club 12  
**STEPHEN PATES**  
**RAVEN PATRICK**  
**MERCER PAYNE**



**MELISSA PERETICH** – NHS 10-12, Vice President 12, Girls State, Key Club 10-12, FBIA 9-12, Science Club 11-12, French Club 9-12, COE 11, Who's Who 12, Track 9  
**MARK PEREZ** – Lacrosse 12, DECA 12, FBIA 9-11, Spanish Club 9-10, Who's Who 10  
**JESSICA PERKINS** – Indianettes 10, VICA 12, FHA 11  
**ELIZABETH PETERKIN** – Key Club 10-12, Spanish Club 10-12, Choral Boosters Treasurer 12  
**JESSICA PLAYER** – Cheerleading 9-12, Captain 12, Soccer 9-12, Yearbook 11-12, NHS 10-12, Class Secretary 9-10, Class Vice President 11, Key Club 9-12, German Club 10-12, Officer 11

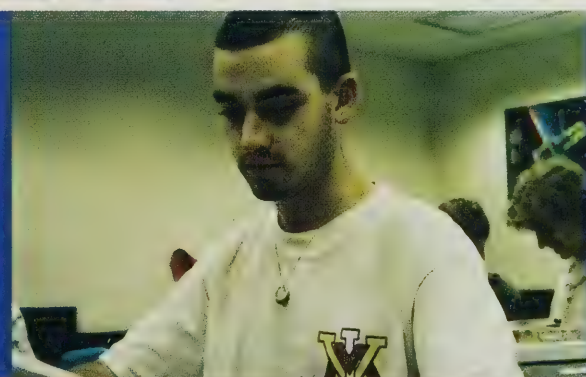


**SHAWN POSEY** – Wrestling 9-12, Captain 12, Football 9-10, Lacrosse 10, Key Club 10-11, Ethnic Alliance 10-12, Baseball 12  
**WESLEY POULIOT**  
**JAMIL RAMSUER**  
**KENNETH RAYMOND** – Spanish Club 10-11, FBIA 10-12, Students Serving Stafford 12  
**ALEXANDER RECALDE** – Video Production 11-12, Oral Communications 12



*Left: Say Cheese! Stacey Thomas and Kristin Hatch smile for the camera while looking at colleges in the mall. College Night was beneficial for juniors as well as seniors. Photo by Chrissy Rubenstein.*

*Right: In the Army now... Robert Fulmer reads information about VMI. Seniors began their college search in the fall. Photo by Megan Hewitt.*



**VICKI REDDING** – HOSA 11, FBIA 11, Students Serving Stafford 12, Key Club 12, Drama Club 10, Spanish Club 9  
**JAMES RIPLEY** – German Club 10-11, Science Club 10-11, FBIA 12, Lacrosse 12  
**KRISTIN RIPLEY** – NHS 10-12, Key Club 10-11, FBIA 9, Spanish Club 11, Basketball 9-12, Volleyball 12  
**JAIMIE RITTENOUR** – Drill Team 10, 12, SADD 10, 11, VICA 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 9  
**JUSTINE RITTENOUR** – Cheerleading 9, Indianettes 11, Spanish Club 11, DECA 12



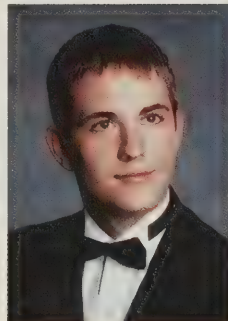
**KEVIN ROACH**  
**JASON ROBERTS**  
**KEVIN ROBERTS** – Key Club 9-12, NHS 10-12, VICA 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 9, Golf 10-12, Tennis 10-12, Spanish Club 10-11  
**CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON**  
**GREGORY RODGERS** – Food Occupation I & II, CTE 12, VICA 12



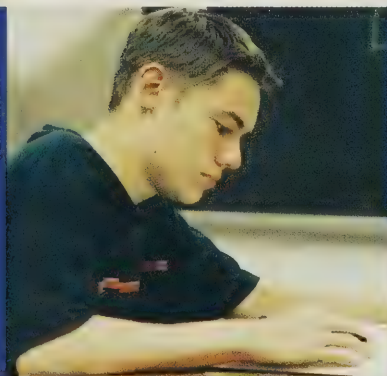
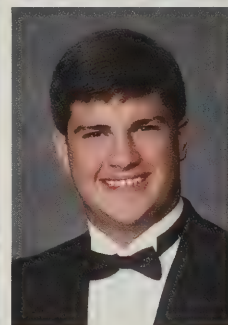
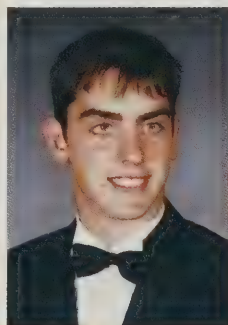
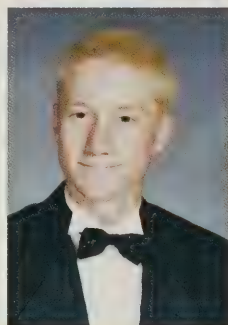
**NICOLE RODLER** – HOSA 11, VICA 11-12, Secretary 12  
**VALERIE RODRIGUEZ** – NHS 10-12, Parliamentarian 11-12, Key Club 10-12, Smoke Signal 12, Band 9-10, Spanish Club 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 11-12  
**PATRICK ROGERS** – Wrestling 9-12, Drafting 10-12, Art 9-10  
**VIKTOR ROMANENKO** – Key Club 12  
**ALLYSON ROSE** – Indianettes 9-10, DECA 11-12, Science Club 12, French Club 10-11, Ethnic Alliance 12, FBLA 12



**JOSEPH ROYSTON** – Baseball 9-12, Spanish Club 10-11, FBLA 12, Baseball 9-12, Spanish Club 10-11, FBLA 12  
**CHRISTINA RUBENSTEIN** – Drama Club 9-12, Drama 9-12, Yearbook 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 12, SADD 11  
**KATHERINE RUFFATTO** – FBLA 11-12, Step Team 11-12, Key Club 12, Smoke Signal 12, Environmental Club 9-11, Spanish Club 12, Science Club 12  
**AARON RUSSELL** – German Club 10-12, Science Club 12  
**JACOB RYAN** – Soccer 9-12

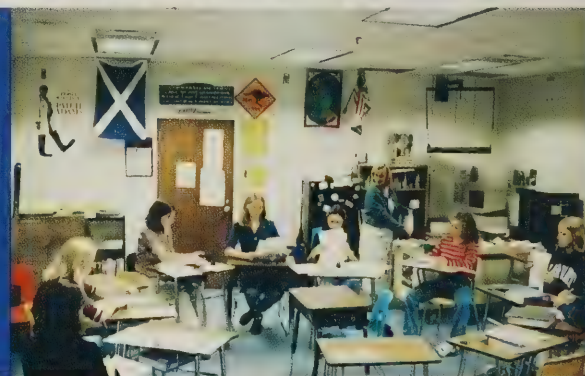


**JUSTIN SALERNO** – NHS 10-12, Cross Country 10-12, Winter Track 10-12, Spring Track 10-12, French Club 10-12, Science Club 11-12, Math Club 11-12, Interact Club 12, Historical Society 12, Key Club 12  
**ELIJAH SARGE** – Football 11-12, Latin Club 10-12  
**ROBERT SAYLOR** – French Club 9-12, French Club President, Football 9, 11, Baseball 9, NHS 10-12, French National Honor Society 10-12  
**BENJAMIN SCHABERT** – Marching Band 9-12, Jazz 10-12, Varsity Lacrosse 11-12  
**KATHRINE SCHNEIDER** – Key Club 10-12, SADD 10, FBLA 9, German Club 12

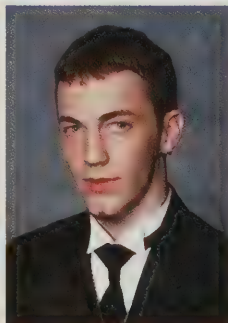


**Left: Read On** Robert King finishes up a book in his English class. Some teachers assigned rather long books to be completed in just a few short days. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

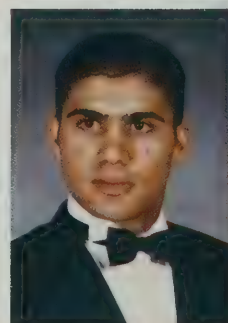
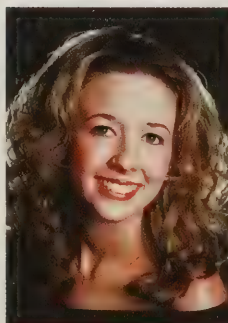
**Right: Group Session** Ms. Connor's AP English class studies for an upcoming test. Working in groups, facing everyone else, helped students learn in a more comfortable environment. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



**KELLIE SCHREMP** – Cross Country 10-11, Winter Track 10-11, NHS 11-12, Key Club 9-12, Spanish Club 9-10, 12, Science Club 12, FBLA 9  
**ZACHARY SEIFERT** – Drama 9-12, History Club 11, French Club 9, Drama Club 11  
**BRANDY SHARP** – Indianettes 10-12, Co-captain 11, Key Club 10-12, Ethnic Alliance 11-12, FBLA 9-10, Basketball Manager 10, Spanish Club 9, SADD 9-11  
**WARREN SHELTON, JR.**  
**DANNY SHIFFLETT**



**JAMES SHOWERS** – DECA 9-12, DECA Vice President 12, FBLA 9  
**LISA SIMMS** – Indianettes 9, COE 11-12  
**HEATHER SIMPSON** – DECA 9, Softball 10-12, Step Team 10-12, Spanish Club 11-12, Ethnic Alliance 12, FBLA 12  
**JASON SIMPSON** – Football 9, 11, Wrestling 9-11, Auto Mechanics I & II, VICA 11-12  
**LAKHWINDER SINGH**





# Advanced Classes

## Making the grade

Some students just can't seem to get enough of homework, not to mention taking three-hour-long tests at the height of the graduation season in May. But, ahh, this is the life of an Advanced Placement class student, otherwise known as an AP student. Advanced classes, or APs, are offered every year to some of Stafford's brightest and most diligent students, those who are willing to push themselves hard in their remaining years at high school in hopes of carrying some sort of credit over with them into college.

Senior Meaghan Wilson, who loaded up with a whopping two AP classes as well as a Dual-Enrollment class said, "Sure, AP and DE classes can be a lot of extra work, but when you go to apply to college and they see that you pushed yourself to be the best—well, that really looks good."

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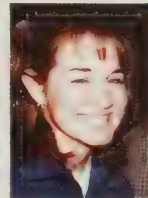
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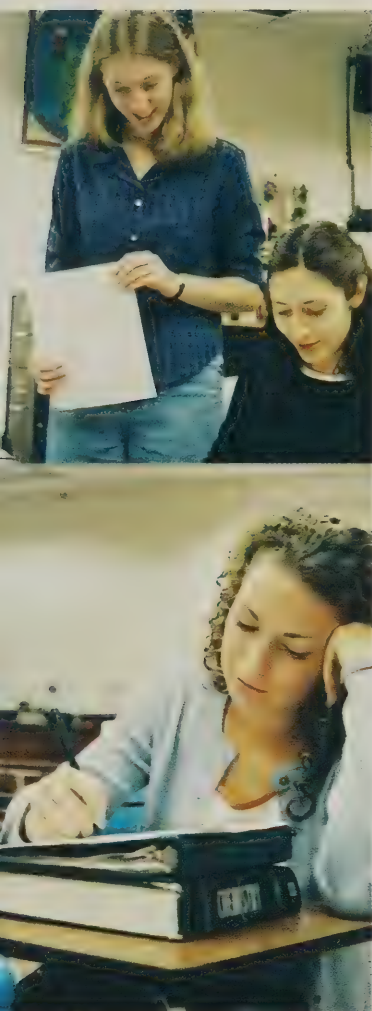
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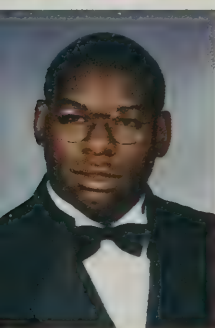
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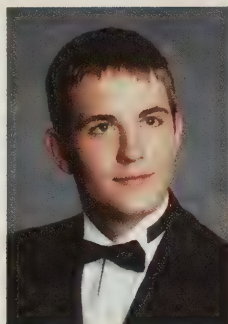
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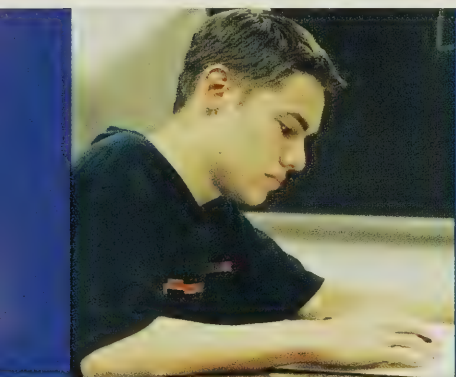
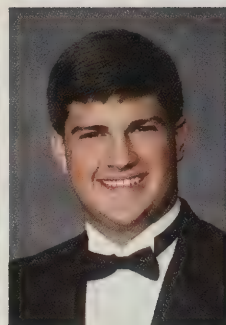
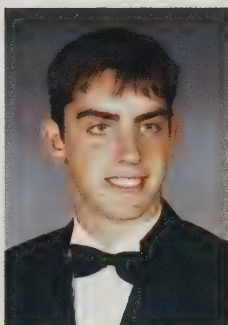
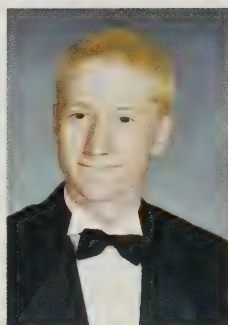
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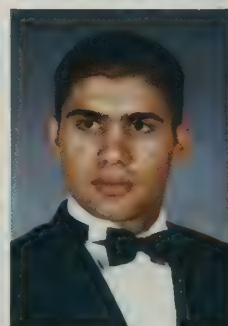
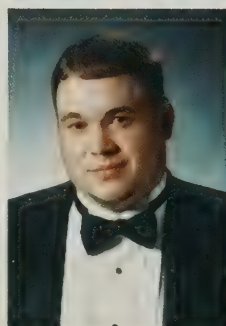
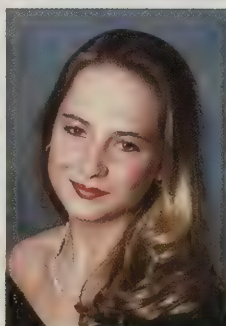
**Right: Group Session** Ms. Connor's AP English class studies for an upcoming test. Working in groups, facing everyone else, helped students learn in a more comfortable environment. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



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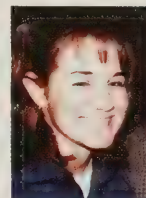
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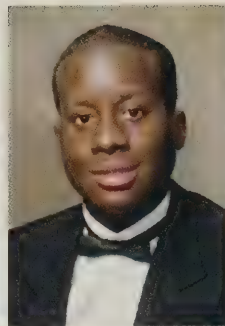
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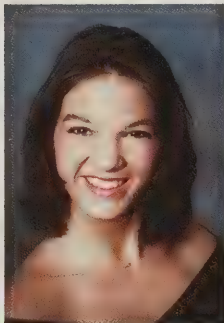
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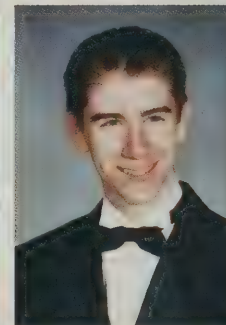
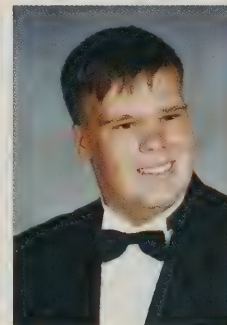
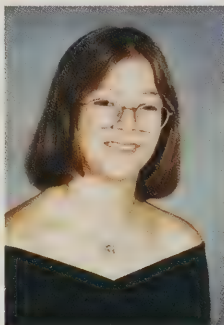
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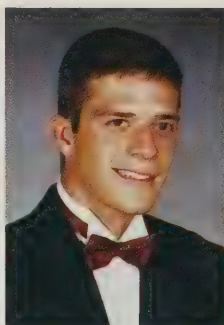
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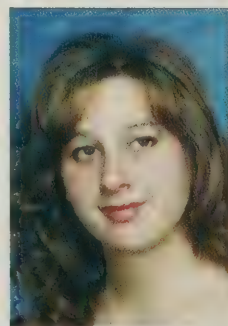
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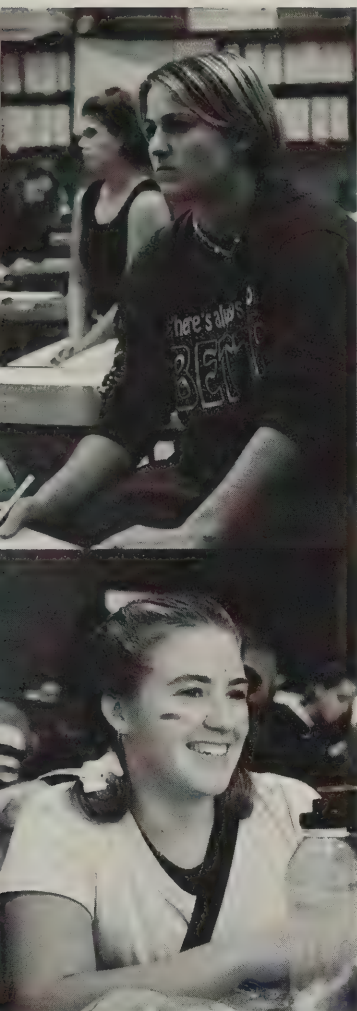
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# Three Seasons Athletes

## *The Pressure is On*

A month ahead of the school year's official beginning, athletes were showing up for practice quite early to start their training. Each day for the last few weeks of summer, members of cross country, field hockey, volleyball, golf, girls tennis, and football teams were preparing for their seasons of success. That's what some would call "true dedication."

Amanda Zawora, who participated in volleyball, swimming, and softball said, "Being a three season athlete is difficult. It makes me have to work harder at my school work to maintain good grades." With a large variety of sports during different seasons, students found it to be extremely difficult. Bobbi Decatur, who played varsity field hockey in the fall, ran winter track, and played soccer in the spring, said, "When you're really serious about what your doing, its hard to keep up your grades. You have to prioritize."

With such a busy schedule, the pressure is always on! Those involved in sports were required to maintain a certain grade average, which was very demanding. Peter Bennett, a dedicated runner, also found the requirements sometimes difficult. "It gets tough when school work piles on, especially during exams." The majority of the athletes at Stafford agreed that school work and sports were difficult to balance, but not impossible, as history has shown. *Story by Robyn P. Good.*

### *How do you juggle your time?*

"It's hard, but I still find time to hang out with my friends."

**Shane Grizzle**



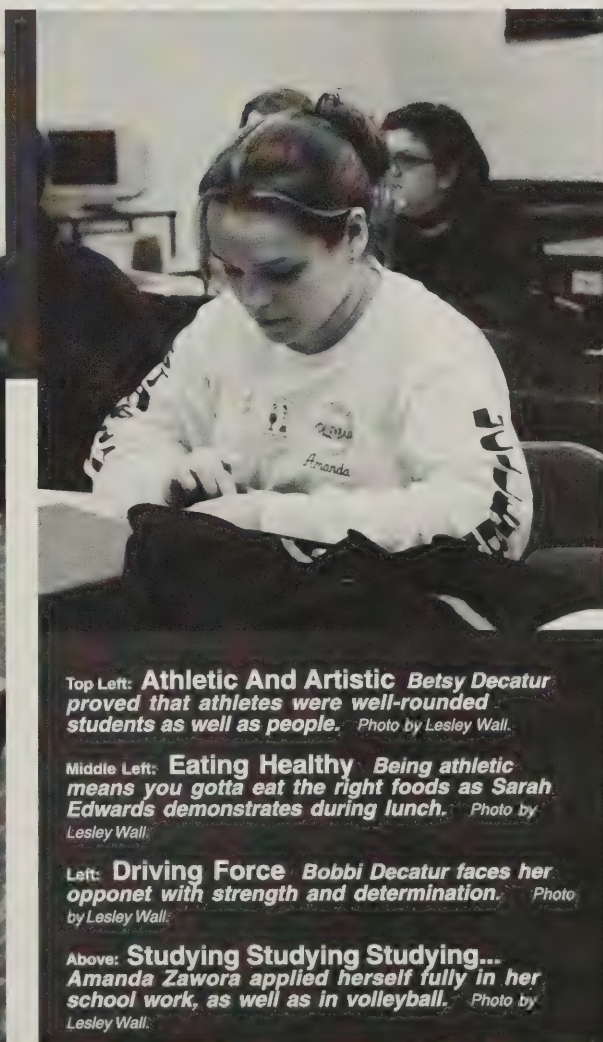
"Try to do things as they come up and not letting things pile up."

**Bill Benson**



"I try really hard to prioritize all the stuff I have to do; sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't."

**Megan Duvall**



**Top Left: Athletic And Artistic** *Betsy Decatur proved that athletes were well-rounded students as well as people.* Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Middle Left: Eating Healthy** *Being athletic means you gotta eat the right foods as Sarah Edwards demonstrates during lunch.* Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Left: Driving Force** *Bobbi Decatur faces her opponet with strength and determination.* Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Above: Studying Studying Studying...** *Amanda Zawora applied herself fully in her school work, as well as in volleyball.* Photo by Lesley Wall.



**Superstar** *Smiling pretty for the camera, Justin Beck carries on a conversation with his buddies at lunch. Junior year was for most students a wake-up call to their new-found responsibilities, and a farewell to most of their childish actions.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.



Say it was fun, say it was a learning experience, but definitely don't ever say it was easy! Junior year was quite possibly the most important year for a student with regard to his or her future, so it brought on a lot of extra responsibilities.

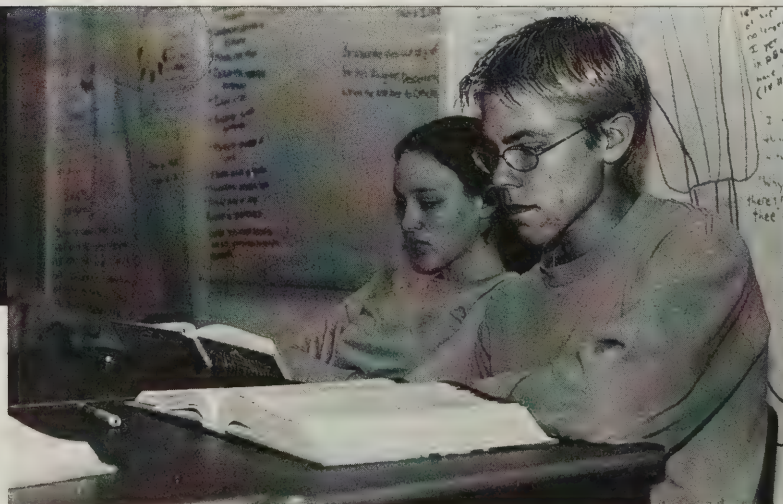
This was the year that colleges primarily looked at, and teachers wanted their students to get the most learning out of this year. This was also the year that students started to get jobs outside of school. So for many students, this year was very stressful. Amanda Johnson explained, "This year has been overwhelming! With the amount of school work that I get, then work outside of school, and then college stuff, it's been rough!"

Many students agreed that this year was definitely their hardest year of high school so far. Mary McDougal wailed, "I am going absolutely crazy with work from my classes!" The responsibilities piled on as the year progressed.

Junior year wasn't all bad though. An incredible plus to being a junior was being able to get a driver's license. Sam Martin said of driving, "I can go places without having to ask other people for rides. I love that!" Being able to drive was a stepping stone toward adulthood that almost all of Stafford juniors cherished. It was one of the upsides to all of the extra responsibility of the year.

Whether you hated it or loved it, junior year was a time to grow up, and start looking at the more mature aspects of life. Even though at times the year may have been difficult, the major product of it all was that we were beginning the journey to adulthood. Through the trials of homework, and the tribulations of simply just waking up in the morning on some days, we survived. Only one more year to go! *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*

**Read, Read, and Read Some More!** *Michelle Ulrich and Johnny Cabaniss analyze selected reading in Honors English class. A lot of juniors took the most difficult classes they could handle in order to make their college applications look impressive and gain more knowledge to use in their college career.* Photo by Jennifer Yednock.





# Juniors



**Ugh, Homework!** With a look of anxiety, Cassie Govan copies down her assignment for English class. Eleventh grade Honors English with Mrs. Decarli was a challenging yet worthwhile experience for most people who took the class. Photo by Lesley Wall



# Summer Trips

## Escaping Stafford

After a school year that seemed to never end, the long-awaited summer fell upon the students of SHS. Once the summer set in and the students were free of all academic obligations, they began looking forward to their summer vacations, which varied among the students of Stafford. They ranged from casual beach trips with friends and family to treks across an ocean to Europe and Asia. Andrea Varga visited Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. She said, "The best parts about the trip were seeing the snow-covered Alps and ancient castles of Switzerland." When I asked her about the people she said, "The Europeans were surprisingly friendly and some of the Germans spoke English, which was great." Robyn Good also went on a trip to a foreign land. She said, "For eleven days I went on a pilgrimage with my church to Israel. Every day I saw new and amazing things that changed my life."

On the lighter side of the vacation world, Courtney Johnston and Aimee Little went to Myrtle Beach. Aimee said, "We swam with dolphins and saw huge waves that came from hurricane Dennis." In between the small trips to the beach and the travels across oceans were long car trips, such as the one that David Grinnan took. He said, "I went to New York and Canada with my family, where we visited Niagara Falls and Rome and New York, where Woodstock '99 was later held." The students of Stafford seemed to enjoy their trips over the summer, whether it was a day trip to the beach or a two-week vacation in California. As Allison Rankin put it, "summer just would not be summer without going on vacation." *Story by Steve Miller.*

### What sports camp did you go to over the summer?

"I went to a softball pitching camp, and I regretted it the first three days because we pitched until our arms were going to fall off."  
**Katie Clore**



"I went to dance camp this summer. It was hard work, but it was really fun! We all bonded."  
**Jennifer Drury**

"I went to cheerleading camp at UMBC and I had a blast. It taught me how to never give up."  
**Courtney Johnston.**



**Wow, It's Warm** Jay Underwood, Eric Wall, Ashley Ludlow, Lesley Wall, Dave Wall, and Sy Nease enjoy themselves at The Great Sand Dunes National Monument in Hamosa, Colorado. Photo submitted by Lesley Wall.

**Summer Dirt** Ashley Dameron, Lesley Wall, and others get muddy while having a good time at Young Life Camp in Buena Vista, Colorado. Photo submitted by Lesley Wall.

**Fun With Planes** Nathan Havasy, Jay Underwood, Sy Nease, Ashley Belyea, and Ellen Aheard enjoy themselves at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Students at Stafford traveled great distances during the summer. Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Gimmie Shelter** Kathy Gardner and Diana Price enjoy the structures at Montpelier. One of their summer assignments for A.P. History was to visit a site in colonial America. Photo submitted by Diana Price.



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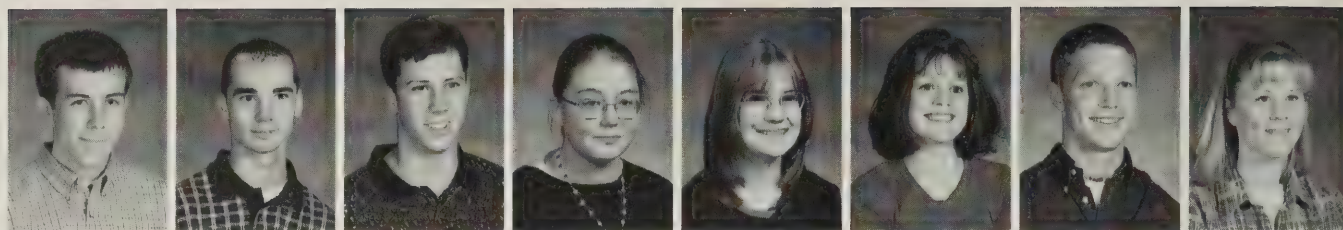
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**Left: Sitting On A Fence** *Lesley Wall observes the country side in Holland. Some Stafford students were lucky enough to go to a foreign land over the summer. Photo submitted by Lesley Wall.*

**Above: I Feel Sick** *Robyn Good is either deep in thought or sick to her stomach while on a boat on the Sea of Galilee. She traveled overseas for her summer vacation. Photo submitted by Robyn Good.*



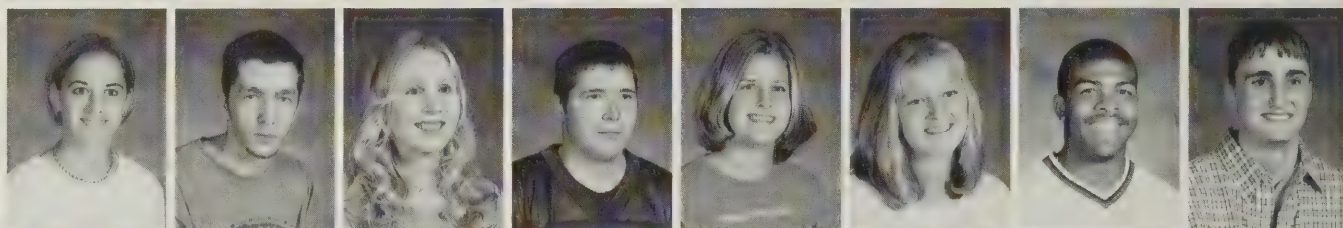
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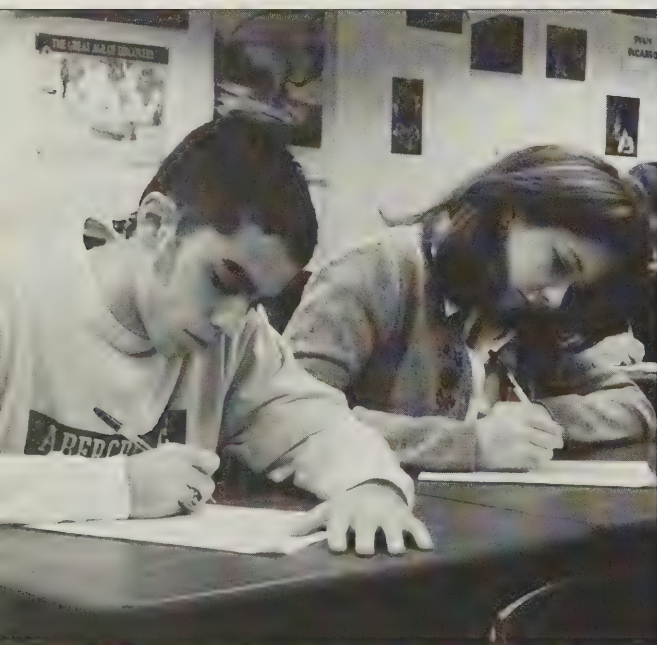
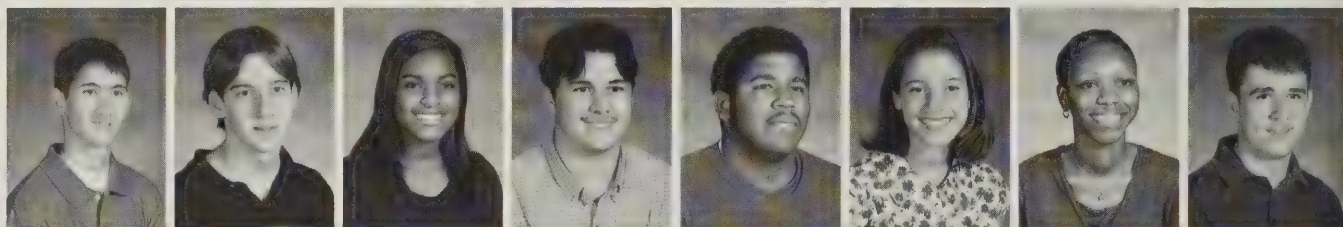
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Michael Danzi



Left **Working diligently...** Mike Groff and Krista Eck compare their paper on role models; ironically, they both chose Oliver Goldman. Photo by Matt Catalano.

Right **Having Respect for her elders...** Jessica Nimmo chose her mom as her role model. "She's not just my mom, she's my best friend." Photo by Heather Akin.



Jason Dauch  
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Richard Decker  
Jeffrey Denson  
Peter Depersio  
Samantha Dickerson  
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Russell Dodd  
Steven Dodd  
Christian Donovan  
Robert Donovan  
Jennifer Drury  
Michelle Dudash  
Victoria Dungan  
David Dunne







# Role Models

## Who Looks Up to Who?

People always have those certain people that they look up to as their role models, or have a higher respect for. For instance, Mike Groff said, "I definitely look up to my parents because they're pretty cool with putting up with me at home."

Role models are also found in the halls of Stafford. "I can't think of any other better role model than Mr. Pugh," said Krista Eck, "and plus he's such a cutie." Aimee Little and Kristin Maddox agreed that Mrs. Payne, their gymnastics coach from last year, is definitely someone they look up to. "She's just awesome; there's no way to explain everything she has done for us." Not only do students look up to their principals, coaches, and teachers, but they also look up to their fellow peers. For instance, Cole Copley had a smile on his face when he said, "Ian Campbell is someone I hold a lot of respect for; he's nice to everyone."

Whether people looked at their best friends as role models, or someone who was a teacher, everyone had someone they look up to, and those people were the ones who left a part of themselves in our memories that we will never forget. *Story by Laurie Mathias*



### Who do you look up to?

"I'm not joking--I want to be just like Matt Bennett!"

Paul Kalson



"I really look up to my coaches; I've learned a lot from them."

Lorrie Watts

"Mr. Woodside is like the mack-daddy. Who else would I admire?"

David Janney



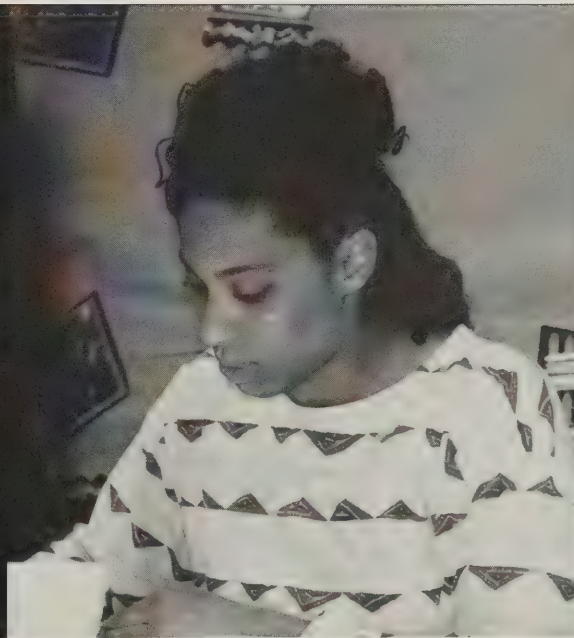
**Top Left** In deep thought... Robyn Good shares a well-known role model, Mother Teresa, whose only intent was to love and do good.

Photo by Heather Akin.

**Middle Left** Taking one step at a time... Strolling through the halls, Cassie Govan considers her close friend Danny Labar as someone to look up to. "He's a real considerate guy, and he's always there when I need someone to talk to." Photo by Heather Akin.

**Left** Having someone to look up to.... Daniel Perry holds admiration and respect for his older brother Roy Perry, who graduated last year and goes to VMI. Photo by Heather Akin.

**Right** Checking her tests twice Working steadily at her desk, Ms. Tyler is a role model for many students. Photo by Heather Akin.



Emily Dursa  
Lindsey Eames  
Matthew Early  
Krista Eck  
Ernest Edwards  
James Edwards  
Matthew Eland  
Thomas Ellis



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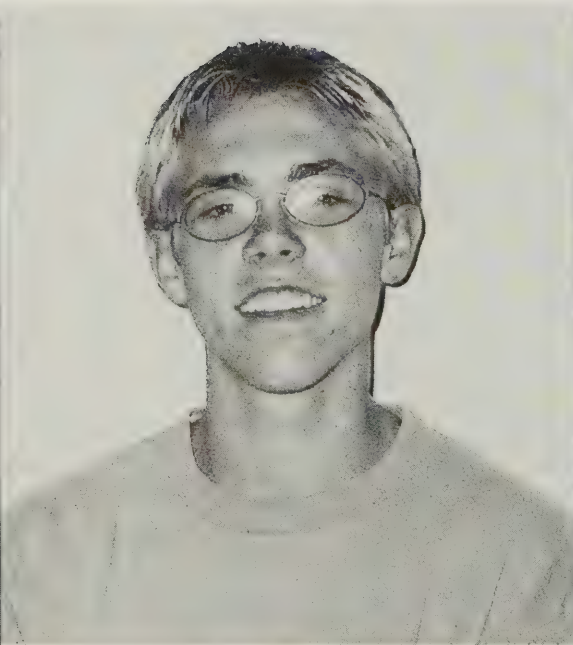


# Junior Class Officers

## *Leading the Class of 2001*

The junior class voted for four individuals to represent their class. Heather Akin was chosen for president, Krista Eck for vice-president, Johnny Cabaniss for secretary, and Steve Miller for treasurer. These students worked hard to fulfill the desires of their peers. Heather Akin said, "Being president of the junior class is a big responsibility that requires a lot of dedication and hard work, but it is also fun because you know what is going on before other people in our class know."

Juniors are in charge of coordinating prom. The class officers held a car wash at the end of last year to raise money for a down payment for beginning prom expenses such as renting the Eagles' Club. The officers in charge worked hard to make prom a huge success. "Prom is a school activity that is a privilege to attend as an upperclassman. It's cool that juniors get to decide the theme and location," said Lesley Wall. Officers worked on other activities and class projects such as the Ring Dance and the Homecoming float. The design this year was based on a favorite movie: Batman and Robin. Secretary of the class, Johnny Cabaniss, said, "Being a class leader is hard work, but it is fun to help the school." Heather, Krista, Johnny, and Steve served as role models to their class. *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*

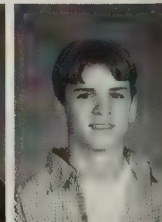


**Left. The qualities of a leader**  
*Posing for the camera, Johnny Cabaniss is proud to be a junior class officer. His contributions as secretary helped the junior class have a fun year. Photo by Jessica Player.*

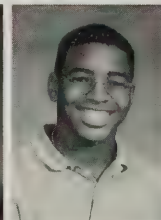


**Right. Looking Good** *Steve Miller talks about his duties as junior class treasurer. The job of prom was a hard task well planned. Photo by Diana Price.*

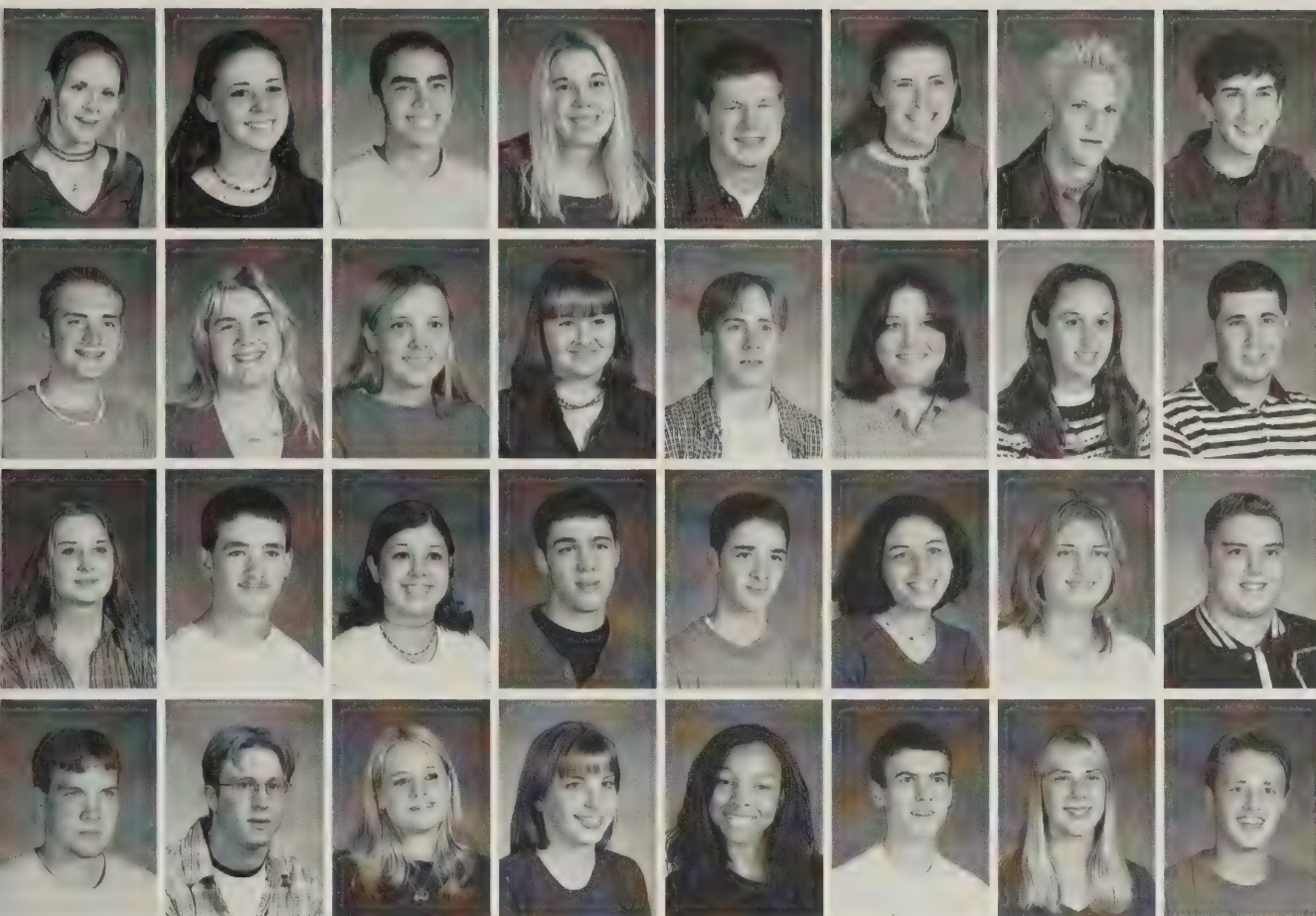
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Victoria Gorecki  
Cassandra Govan  
Rebecca Graham  
Viktoria Grauer  
Marques Greene  
Nicole Greer







Shannon Grice  
Christine Griffith  
Michael Groff  
Megan Guzewicz  
Andrew Hall  
Carrie Hall  
Justin Hall  
Nicholas Hanzel

Matthew Hardin  
Cynthia Harding  
Jennifer Harding  
Ashley Harper  
Justin Hathaway  
Jessica Headley  
Sarah Heffner  
Stephen Hemmen

Ashley Henderson  
Kenneth Henderson  
Aimee Hildebrand  
Chad Hine  
Christopher Hine  
Maria Hingle  
Alisha Hirt  
Jeffrey Holecek

David Hooker  
James Howell  
Amy Hughes  
Darbie Hummer  
Kiahna Jackson  
Albert Jacoby  
Amy Janis  
David Janney



**Left Setting an Example** *Junior class secretary Krista Eck concentrates on her school work. Officers were expected to set a positive example for their classmates. Photo by Diana Price.*

**Right The Life of a President** *Heather Akin had many responsibilities as class president. Although the job can be time-consuming, Heather made sure that the juniors had the best of what they can have. Photo by Diana Price.*



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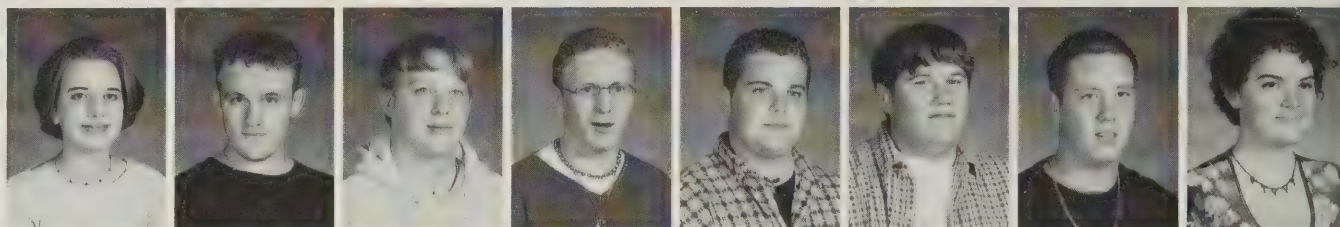
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Kristina Jones  
Chad Jordan



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Rebekah Keeton  
Joseph Keip  
Caroline Kelley  
Jamie Kennedy  
Sherry King  
Virginia King



Lauren Kirby  
Mark Kitchens  
Zachary Kolan  
William Kroelinger  
Daniel Labar  
Mark Lamphier  
Jason Laperle  
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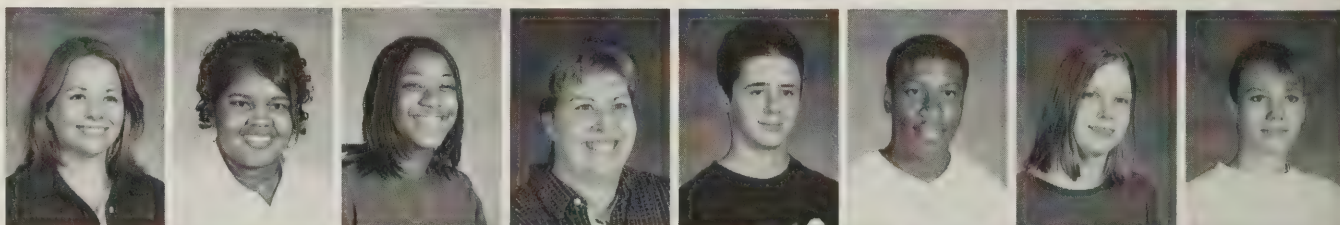
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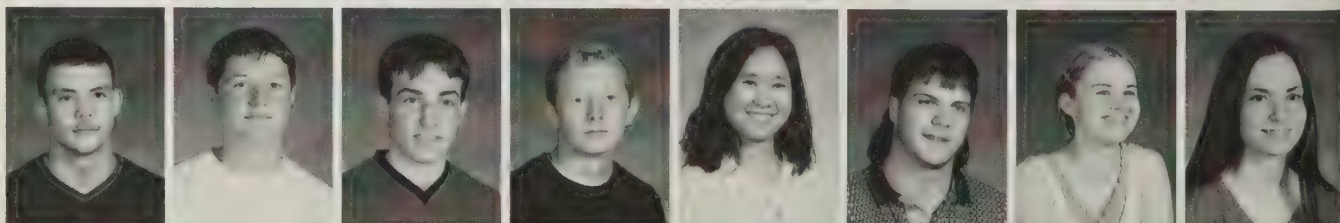
**Fun Times...** *Maria Hingle and Robyn Good share a laugh during their lunch shift. Lunch was a great time to catch up with friends you didn't see in your regular classes.* Photo by Ashley Ludlow.



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Angela Mathis  
Rebecca Mayer  
Gregory McBride  
Rashid McCown  
Mary McDougal  
Angela McIntosh



David McKenney  
Steven Merenda  
Lloyd Miller  
Joshua Mills  
Onicha Mitchai  
Kevin Mitchell  
Stephanie Mitchell  
Samantha Mock







# Friends

*Improving the quality of life  
in these dreary halls . . .*

Your junior year of high school is the one colleges look at the most. There is a lot of stress involved in this particular year of school. There to help you cope is... your friends! As Kevin Louder said, "I would die without my friends!" They support you when you're down, give you a shoulder to cry on, and "help you deal with all the stress of high school," said Allen Edwards. Your friends may be people you've known for years, or people you just met in first period yesterday. They brighten your day, make you smile, and "make school worth it—or at least less boring!" said Ian Campbell. No matter who you are, your friends love you for you, and they will always help you when you're in need. Your friends, as Maria Hingle put it, "improve the quality of life in these dreary halls everyday . . . even Mondays!" *Story by Ashley Dameron.*

## What makes a good friend?

"Someone who you can trust with secrets and someone you can just chill with."

Ian Campbell



"Good friends are the people who are there for you when you're at your lowest point possible."

Allen Edwards

"People who don't put you down when you've had a really bad day, week, or year!"

David Janney



Top Left: **Faraway Friends... Together, Russell Roles and former Indian turned Colonial Forge Eagle Catherine Meadows wait for their food at the concession stands during a home football game. It was not uncommon for students to bring friends from other schools to the games and other school functions.** Photo by Jeff Garrison.

Middle Left: **Friends at play... Literally!! Members of the play Godspell, take a breather from a diligent rehearsal. The cast spent countless hours together rehearsing and formed tight bonds of friendship.** Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.

Left: **I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine... Kathy Gardner and Josh Ozura team up for a project in Mrs. DeCarli's Honors English class. Students often turned to their friends when it came time to choose partners for group work.** Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.



William Monroe  
Kelly Moore  
C.J. Morgan  
Angela Morris  
Michelle Muhlenkamp  
Micah Murphy  
Jeremy Musselman  
Austin Myers

Steven Myers  
Hanau Nassau  
Joseph Newton  
Justin Newton  
Melissa Newton  
Karena Nichols  
Jessica Nimmo  
Lauren Norris



## What is your favorite New Trend?

"I love Nascar Water!"  
Mike Danzi



"I love Old Navy tech vests."  
Jean Cornwell

"I love PEZ!"  
Emily Dursa



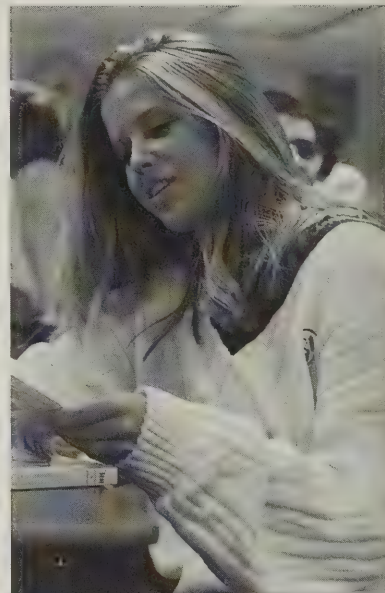
# Trends

## Are You With It??

Trends. You're either in or you're out. At Stafford, trends were defined this year by many different looks and styles. Though comfort seemed to be the stand-out look this year, other people desired the "chic" look for school. Diana Young said, "I love the color orange; it is such a cool color this year." Oranges, blacks, greys, and the ever-popular denim colors seemed to be stand-outs this year along with the arrival of the "tech vest," most notably from Old Navy. "I love my tech vest," said Melissa Peretich, "It's so warm and comfortable, and great to wear when the school gets cold."

Other students didn't care much what others wore; they just liked comfort. The majority of the students remained loyal to the ever-popular "jeans and t-shirt look." Senior Josh Thompson said, "I just like to be comfortable," and he wasn't the only one. Freshman Susan Hatcher said, "I like to be comfortable in school; besides, it's always either really hot or really cold, so I never know what to wear anyway."

As every year before, Stafford students proved to be true trend-setters, leading us into a new millennium of trends. Whatever the trends are in the magazines from year to year, Stafford will always remain diverse in trends and attitudes with its own special mix of camo, tech vests, t-shirts, and jeans. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*



Top Right: **How funny** Veronica Pugh laughs as she turns to the next page of her textbook. Like Veronica, many Governor's School kids learned to deal well with the pressure. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

Left: **Just one more line...** Steven Dodd finishes up his drawing for art class. Art was a popular elective with many students who loved to draw and loved the teachers. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

Right: **Dummy?** Katie Clore and friends laugh at her dummy for Cosmetology class. Students in that vocational class were required to practice on dummies to avoid an... accident... on a real person. *Photo by Britt Smith*



George North  
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Robert Orange  
Joshua Ozura  
Raven Patrick  
Ann Patton  
Ashley Payne  
David Payne



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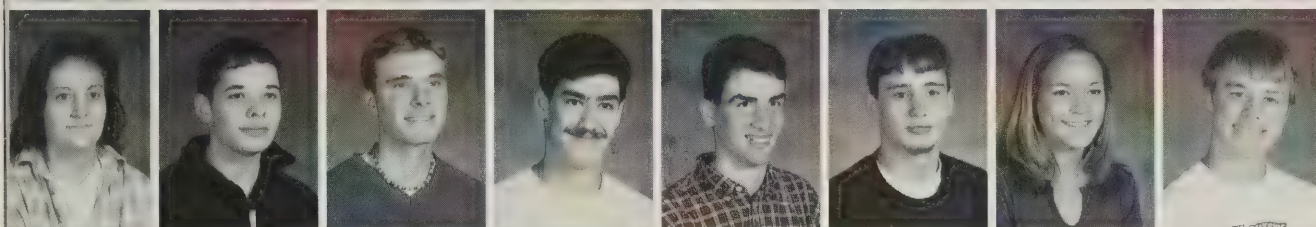




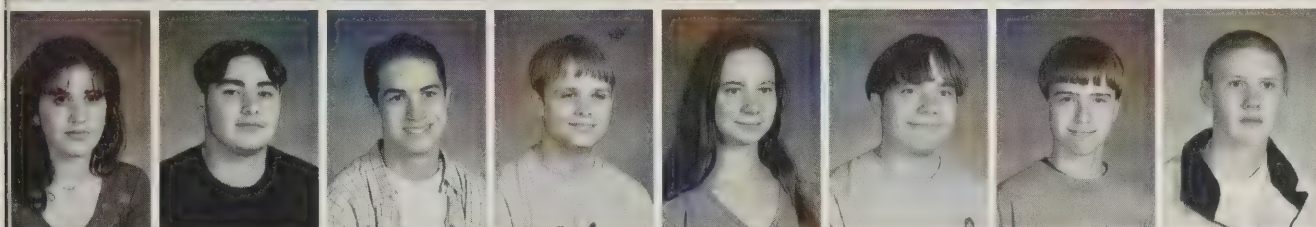
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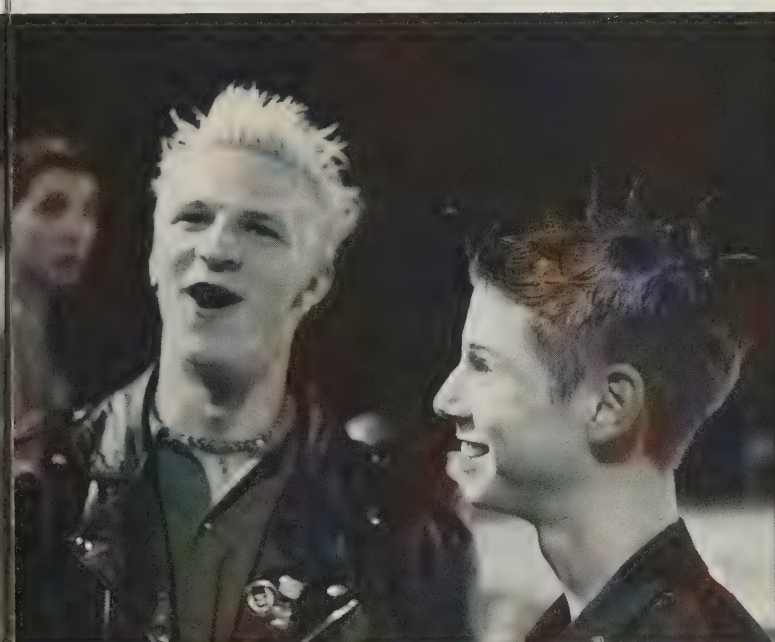
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John Rerucha  
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Philip Richards  
Jack Richardson  
Ashley Roberson  
David Robertson



Katherine Rodriguez  
Nathan Rodriguez  
Russell Roles  
Joshua Roof  
Jessica Rosamond  
Robert Rosamond  
Jesse Ruff  
Christopher Ryder



**Left: Now that's Funny!** Junior Justin Hall has a good laugh at a football game. Football games were great times for students to get together and cheer on the tribe. Photo by Britt Smith.

**Right: Does this look right?** Mollee Anzivino critiques her artwork. The opinion of the teacher as to how the artwork was done was very important to many student's grades. Photo by Sarah Bryant.



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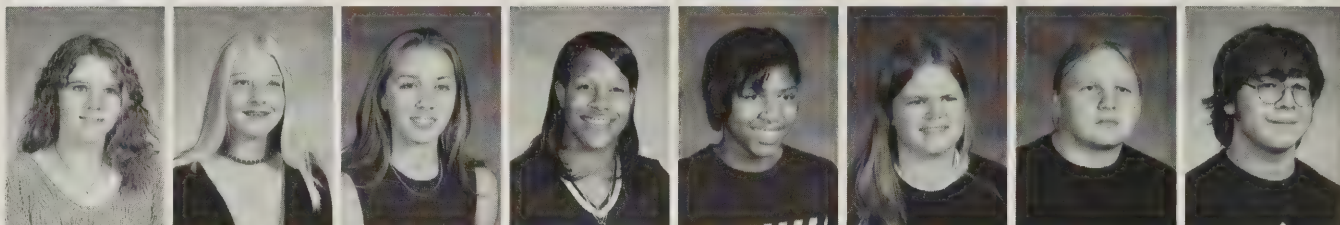
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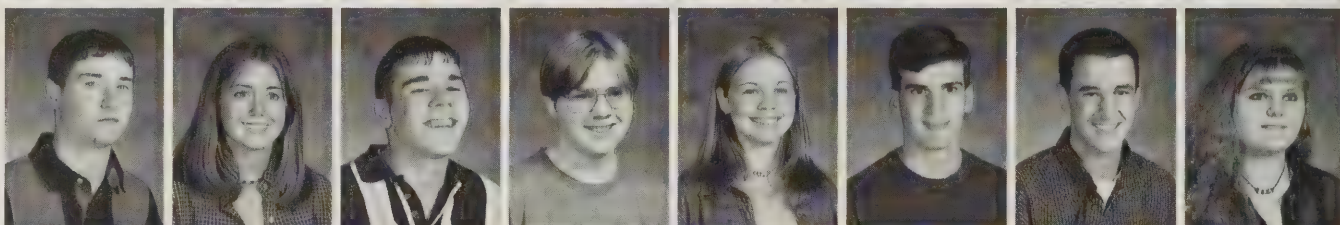
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Colby Stevenson  
Randall Stewart



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Lee Strickler  
Jamie Sullivan  
Andrene Swader  
Monet Taylor  
Stacey Thomas  
Charles Thompson  
Devin Thompson



Joshua Thompson  
Katherine Thompson  
Wesley Thompson  
Brian Toomey  
Rebecca Trice  
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Bruce Tuttle  
Jessica Tyler  
Carson Tyson  
Michelle Ulrich  
Paul Valge  
Nicole Van Scoder  
Nikno Victrosales  
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**Left: Stupid Car!** Justin Beck works under the hood of his car. Most juniors loved having their own cars to drive, but there were still those moments when they wondered if it was worth all the work. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

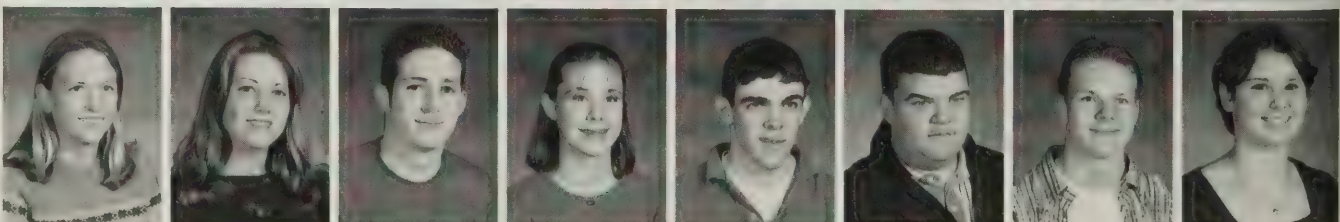
**Right: Here you Go!** Every year juniors like Jennifer Whited got their parking passes. For juniors it is a privilege to have a parking pass, which now meant no more riding "the cheese." Photo by Emily Dursa



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Christy Walker  
Lesley Wall  
Susan Wallar  
Raechel Walters  
Brandy Waters  
Justin Watson



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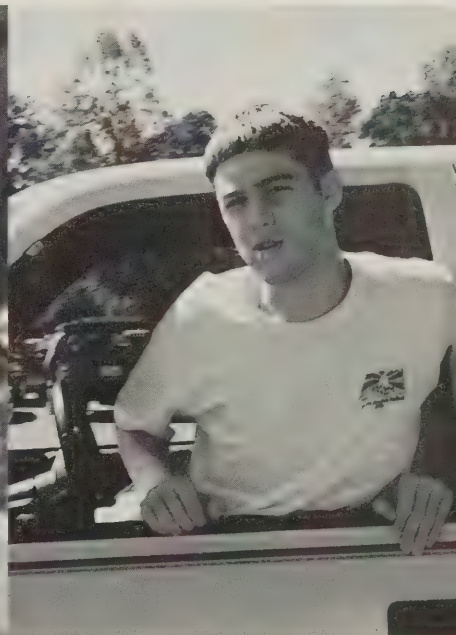
# First Car & Parking Permits

*It's time to hit the road.*

You turned sixteen, and it was time to get the car and the license. Some teenagers had to work for their cars, while others got lucky and got a new car as the best birthday present ever. As Steve Miller said, "Well, when I first stole, I mean bought my car, I thought it was great, but now it's just a car."

Still others aren't as fortunate to get their very own car and have to borrow the keys instead. Robyn Good said "Well I'd like to say 'my truck' is my truck... but it's not. I can't seem to save my money enough to get my own car, so it looks like I'll get to drive when mommy and daddy say I can."

Sophomores looked forward to their junior year when they will get to drive to school instead of having to ride the big yellow bus; however, when you have older siblings in high school, you don't always get to be the one driving to school every day in your own car. Joanne Yednock said, "When I was a sophomore I couldn't wait until my junior year so that I could drive to school, but as it turned out, my sister is the one who got the car and the parking permit. She drives me to school every day, but if she doesn't come to school one day, then I get to drive. YAY!" Everyone was always excited to get to drive to SHS for the first time their junior year. *Story by Megan French.*



**Top: I'm Going Home!** While leaving the school, Chad Hines attracts attention while hanging out of his new truck. Juniors loved having everyone notice them in their new cars with the privilege of finally being able to drive to school on their own. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Left: Look at Me!** In his new car, Steve Miller talks to friends while showing off the "Lloyd Wagon." For most juniors getting your first car was always an exciting event. Photo by Emily Dursa.



# Homework & School Work

*Isn't this supposed to be easy?*

Being an upperclassman meant having all the advantages—or did it? During each student's junior year, the work load not only became more tough as time progressed, but teachers expected more and required more. Most importantly though, colleges focused greatly on junior year of high school for grade averages as well as activities participated in. Marques Green said, "I think that the pressure is very severe because a lot of us have hard subjects, and colleges are looking at everything."

Still the question that was on everyone's mind was, "Are the teachers actually adding on to the stress level or being more supportive with the amount of homework that is given?" Nicole Greer felt, "The teachers are sometimes okay with homework, but some of them don't understand that we have other classes with homework too!"

Despite the hard work load, some people couldn't help becoming lazy. "I'm definitely more lackadaisical when it comes to homework. I have to force myself to do it," said Bri Bevin. Even when the hours of homework became unbearable, students just had to prioritize their schedules and get with it! *Story by Robyn Good.*

**What is your best excuse for not doing your homework?**

"I DON'T WANNA!"  
Justin Hall



"I was watching Pokemon."  
Derek Salerno

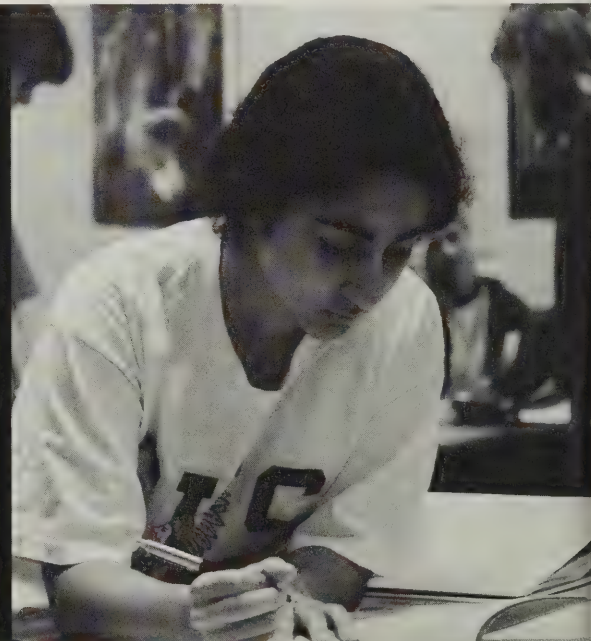


"I fell asleep in study hall again."  
Maria Hingle



Right: **Reading Between the Lines** Zaahira Wyne worked hard to be a part of the Virginia Commonwealth Governor's School. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Left: **Hey, No Cheating!** Honors English takes a lot of hard work, which David Janney demonstrates as he looks over onto Cassie Govan's shoulder. Photo by Lesley Wall.



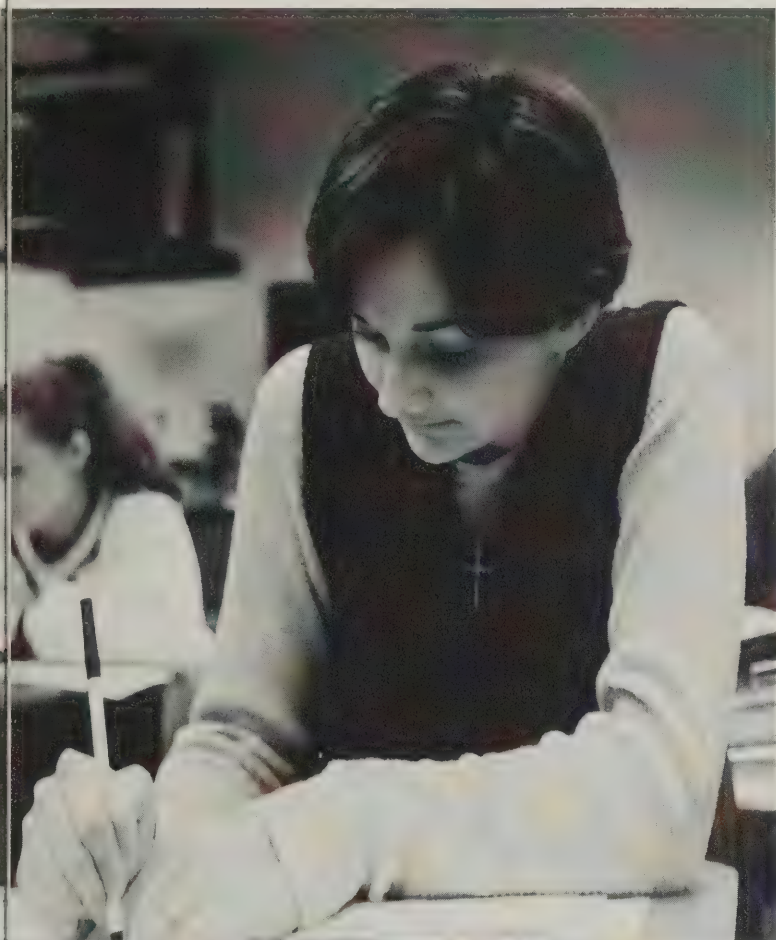
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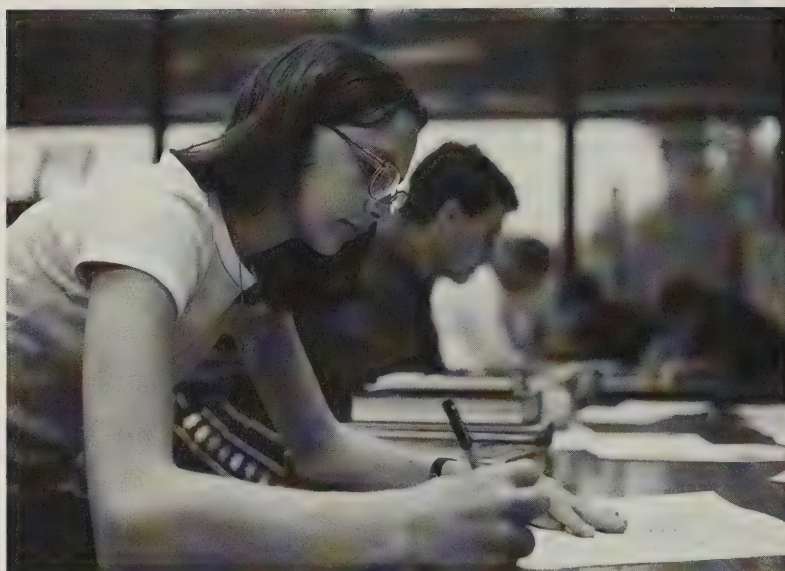


**Word For Word** *Paying close attention as she takes notes, Michelle Wood applies herself to all her work.* Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Cracking the Books** *Extremely dedicated to all she does, Bonnie Ludlow works diligently on her assignment.* Photo by Lesley Wall.







One step up on the ladder of high school years--that's what sophomore year proved to be. Most students just seemed to be happy to be past their first year of high school, which for some was a very difficult time in their lives. Danielle Jennings said nonchalantly, "At least I'm not a freshman anymore."

Students looked to the future with hope when they would become upperclassmen and know what they were going to do with their lives. "I can't wait to graduate and go to college," said Chris Cwiak, happily.

As their sophomore year ended, most of the people in the class realized that they were maturing and growing up. They noticed that it would only be a short time before they themselves would be in the real world with real world responsibilities; however, this idea made most of them happy and excited about the future. Hunter Willis said it best when he exclaimed, "Only two more years, and our lives will truly be ours... and we'll party!" *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*




**Top: Inspiration Emphasized** Diligently working on a project in Mrs. Sigler's Art 2 class, Tara Sullivan attempts to finish her assignment. Students in her class found their activity challenging as well as fun. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Right: They Did What?!** Sarah Saphos and Ashley Belyea learn the newest gossip at lunch. Lunch was a great time to socialize, so most students wished lunch period was longer. Photo by Britt Smith.



# Sophomores



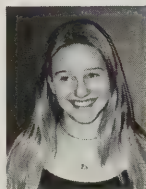
**Hey, Keep Working!** *Austin Price reads over his notes for a class project while he researches for his topic in the library. Sophomore year increased responsibilities for students, but for most these responsibilities were a welcome change.* Photo by Britt Smith.



## What was the most school spirited thing you've ever done?

"I bought \$20 worth of spirit links, that's enough spirit for me."

Mary Ogle



"I dressed up for a volleyball match with my face painted and a bow in my hair, and I shirt that I made myself."

Nichole Reinboldt

"I went all out in blue and gold every Friday for 'Blue and Gold Day', and I tried making a t-shirt, but it didn't turn out as well as I had hoped."

Jill Nelson



## I\*N\*D\*I\*A\*N\*S

### Sophomore Spirit is #1

Sophomores definitely had a spirit high this year. They won first place in the spirit link race, which was a competition between all of the classes. Their spirit just didn't end there though. Sophomores painted their faces and dressed in blue and gold on Fridays for the football games, and basketball games. "Painting my face with stars and S\*H\*S was a ritual for me every Friday morning," said Shannah Hylton. Many students also showed their pride in the tribe by coming out to the bonfire, which was the Thursday night before the Homecoming game. "I had lots of fun," said Kaine Krieger. "I was cold and splattered with pudding, but I had lots of fun." Sophomores faces were also seen in the crowds at the football and basketball games. "I like watching the game, and hanging out with my friends," said Tiffany Kerby. "It's just the place to be on a Friday night." *Story by Laurie Mathias.*

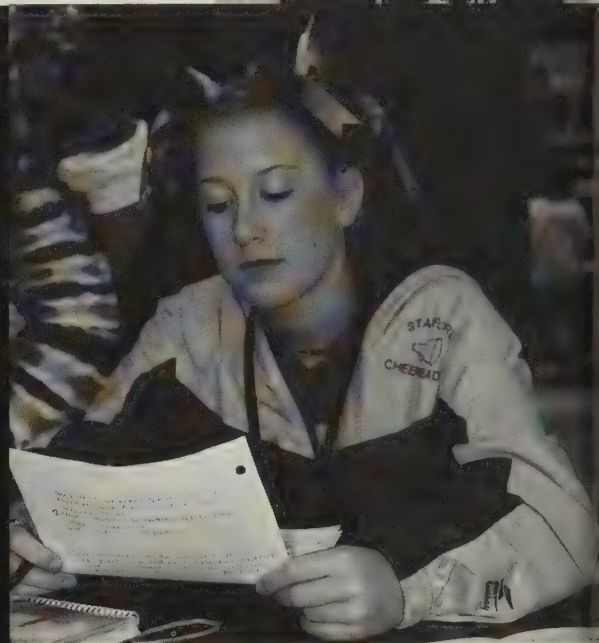


Top Right: **S... H... S...! Michelle Burton gets involved with Friday's 'Blue and Gold Day.'** Photo by Heather Akin.

Middle Right: **Let Me See Your Tomahawk!.... Audrey Freeman shows her true pride in the tribe with wearing bows in her hair, face paint, and stars to accessories.** Photo by Heather Akin.

Left: **Watch Out! All feathered and painted up, Karla Yingling is ready for the football game. 'I can't wait till Friday's game, 'cause I love to go all out in school colors.'** Photo by Heather Akin.

Right: **Hey Stafford, Where's Your Spirit? Almost a fright to see, Britt Smith goes all out in blue and gold. 'I like to put a little creativity into my image, and lets just say this works.'** Photo by Heather Akin.



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Kristin Adcock  
Ellen Ahearn  
Daniel Algert  
Kevin Allard  
Royd Allard



Samantha Anderson  
Lance Ashbrook  
Andy Bacon  
Giovanni Baez  
Jennifer Bagley  
Anthony Banks  
Stephanie Barill  
Wayne Barnum







Jeremy Beard  
Katherine Beard  
Monica Beard  
Shomeka Bells  
Yashama Bells  
Ashley Belyea  
Jennifer Benson  
Jaclyn Benwitt

Ashleigh Bishop  
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Ned Bocco  
Karli Bourne  
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Brandon Brown  
Duante Brown  
Evelyn Brown  
Julie Brown  
Marquel Brown

Robert Brown  
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Ryan Buslovich  
Timothy Carlson



Top: **Go Big Blue!** Showing their school spirit, cheerleader Jill Nielson and field hockey player Emily Ryan wear their Stafford sports attire. Photo by Heather Akin.

Left: **Spirit** Jennifer Jannis, Erica Dickson, and Irene O'Roake attentively watch the entertainment before a pep rally. Photo by Heather Akin.



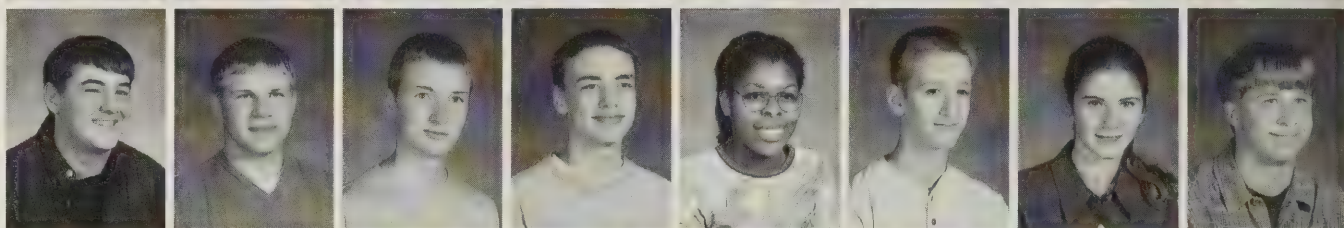
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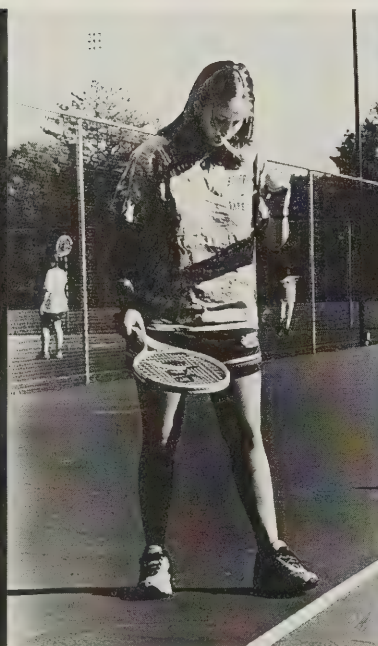
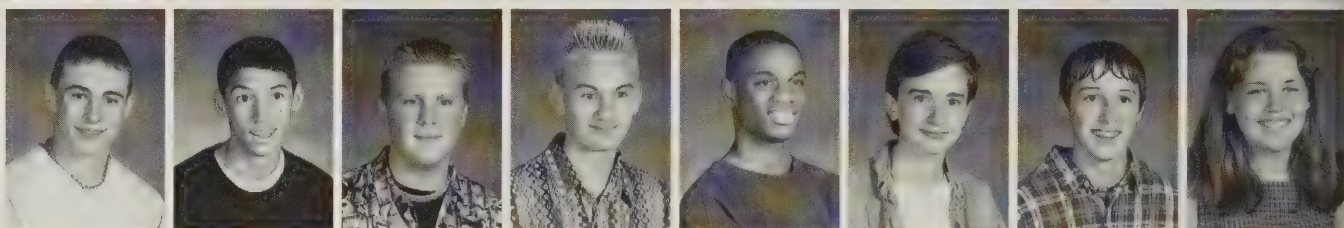
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Adam Cropp



Michael Currence  
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Christoph Cwiak  
Joseph Czarnik  
Daniel Davis  
Matthew Davis  
Ryan Deloach  
Erica Dickinson



Left: **Practice Makes Perfect.** Tennis was a sport that sophomores participated in during gym class. Emily Ryan carefully concentrates to improve her skills. Photo by Diana Price.

Right: **Reaching High.** Sara Mancini practices her serving technique. Students were taught various approaches that best suit the individual. Photo by Diana Price.



Robert Dickinson  
Ashley Dixon  
Nefertari Dobard  
Teresa Donaldson  
Neil Douberly  
Ashley Dowling  
Douglas Downs  
Nicole Driver



Joshua Dudley  
Amber Duffy  
Thomas Duffy  
Dustin Dugan  
Joy Edgar  
Jeffrey Elliott  
Christina Enevoldsen  
Keith Epps





# Work It Sophomores!

*The Class of 2002 get fit.*

Sophomore spirits were as high as ever as the class of 2002 participated in many activities and sports to stay in shape. Mike Carter played lacrosse. He said, "The sport requires a lot of running. I play middle and have to run a lot!" Running was thought to be the best activity to get toned and build stamina. There were also new sports that sophomores could participate in, such as volleyball. Megan Vrabel was a sophomore who played volleyball. "Being the first year of volleyball, it was a lot of fun and the team did really well," said Megan. Megan also played basketball and softball to stay in shape.

To work out meant to feel good about your body. Exercise made a person happy. Sophomores set goals to stay in shape and kept those goals. Their spirit never failed as they conditioned themselves with sports. Sophomore Blake Willis played on Varsity football and commented on the team's performance. He said, "It was cool to still have fans even when we were 'supposedly' the worst team in the district. It's good to be underrated though, because it gets us pumped up for our games." Blake also played basketball and soccer. Even if success fails to arrive, sophomores' spirits remained high as they knew they had tried their best and put forth the greatest effort possible. *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*

**What non-school sport  
are you involved in?**

"I play hockey on Saturdays."  
**Tim Carlson**



"I love softball. It is a team sport and everyone works together to win."  
**Christine Credit**

"I play soccer. I am the goal keeper on my select soccer team. We are going to finish second place."  
**Nathan Thompson**

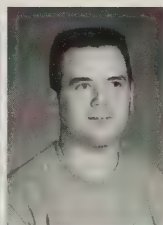


**Top Left: Watch Where You Point That Thing!** Before going out on the field, sophomores were able to become familiar with archery equipment. Many students thought that archery was the most fun activity in gym class because it was a lot different and took a lot more skill than the usual kickball.

*Photo by Jessica Player.*

**Middle Left: I Got It!** Zoe Zerbe keeps her eye on the ball as she begins to return a hit. Tennis was not only an activity in gym class, it is a sport that Stafford is known for due to a history of victory. *Photo by Diana Price.*

**Left: OH, The Fun of Gym Class** Sit-ups were a part of the daily exercises in gym class. Brittany Lee pushes herself because she knows exercise makes a person feel healthy. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*



Jeffrey Fabian  
Allen Farmer  
Christoph Fendley  
George Fenton  
Amanda Fiel  
Lawrence Fightmaster  
Sarah Findley  
Brandon Fines



Katherine Finney  
Sherrie Fisher  
Russell Fitzgerald  
Stephanie Fitzgerald  
Brian Ford  
Joshua Frazier  
Michael Frazier  
Audrey Freeman



## How do you feel about having a sibling in school with you?

"I see Michael maybe once or twice a day... and then he shouts, 'Sarah Mancini is a nerd!'"

Sarah Mancini



"It's pretty cool that Jack is in school with me, but he gets to pick on me even more!"

Joey Dodson

"Robert and I don't talk at all."

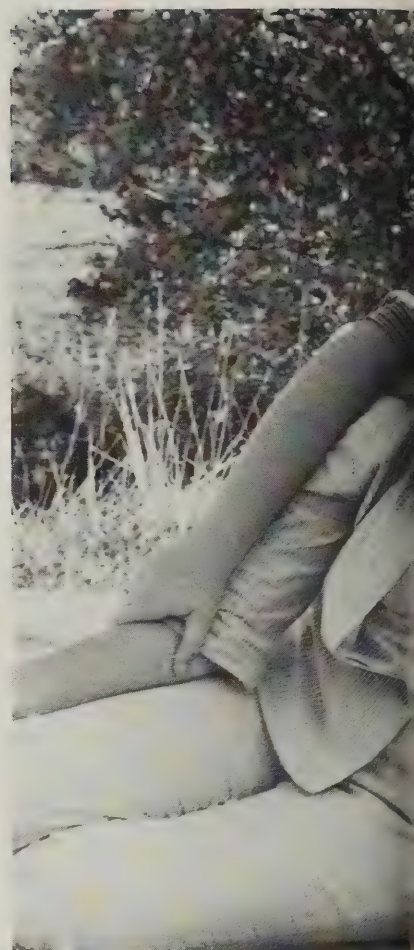
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# Siblings In School

*A little bit of home... in the halls*

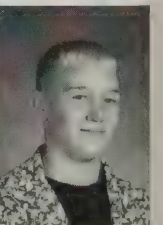
As the song goes, "Hold onto your siblings; they are the best link to the past and the only ones there for you in the future." This is a lesson that James Ripley has learned over the years. "I like having [my sister] Buffy in school with me; it gives me a chance to really get to know her outside of home," he said. Many other students at Stafford have that special brother-sister or sister-sister relationship. "It's pretty cool, but it does get annoying to see him all the time!" said Eli Sarge of his younger brother Jeremy. Most older siblings have learned to accept that their younger sibling is now sharing the same school, maybe even the same friends. "It's weird; my friends call my house and sometimes ask for Alli," said Britt Smith of her sister. Some brothers and sisters aren't as accepting, "I don't care; it's not like I have to see him a lot, so it's not a problem," said Christina Cushing of her younger brother Robby. Whether you liked them here with you or not, that's just the way life went. But one had to admit it was pretty nice to see a familiar face in the halls! *Story by Ashley Dameron.*



**A Handsome Pair...** Chris and Michael Hilleary smile big before changing into their wrestling clothes. The two brothers both participated in Stafford's wrestling program, which is coached by their father, Coach Hilleary. *Photo by Ashley Ludlow.*



Megan French  
Antoine Frye  
Amy Gallivan  
James Galyen  
Chelsea Garfield  
Quincy Garnett  
Jeffrey Garretson  
Jason Garrison



Krystale Garrison  
Gabriel Gassie  
Tara Gayle  
Ashley Gee  
Justin Gibson  
Amy Gilkerson  
Virginia Gooden  
Michelle Gray







Left: **A Trio of Trainers...** Mary Ann, Jennifer, and Joanne Yednock feel the sisterly love of Stafford's campus as they are photographed. All three Yednock girls were athletic trainers during their high school years. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.



Left: **Lookin' Good!** Katie Carter and her brother Mike are back to back at Stafford. They were both involved in the SCA, so they shared a 7th period class. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.



Top: **Hold Me!** Mike Peritech's sister, Melissa, gives him a hug for the camera. Mike and Melissa both excelled in chemistry... must run in the family! Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

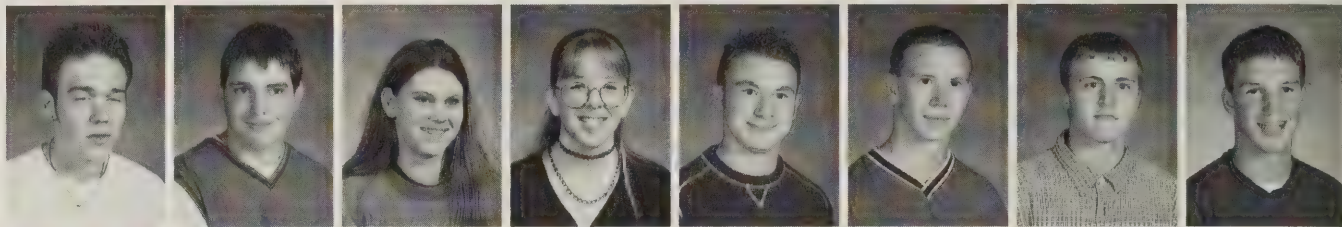
Left: **Hmmm, Someone's Excited...** Brandon Blevins is attacked by his overzealous brother, Jay. Fortunately for Brandon, he and Jay didn't share any classes, but they still enjoyed seeing each other in the halls. Photo by Megan Hewitt.



Richard Gray  
Timothy Green  
Scott Grooms  
Tiffany Gross  
Steven Gunn  
Erin Hall  
Sarah Hamer  
Jeffrey Hamn



Kevin Hardin  
Jimmy Hare  
Casey Harris  
Katherine Harris  
Matthew Harris  
Christopher Harshman  
Glenn Harwell  
Bradley Hayes



Charles Hecker  
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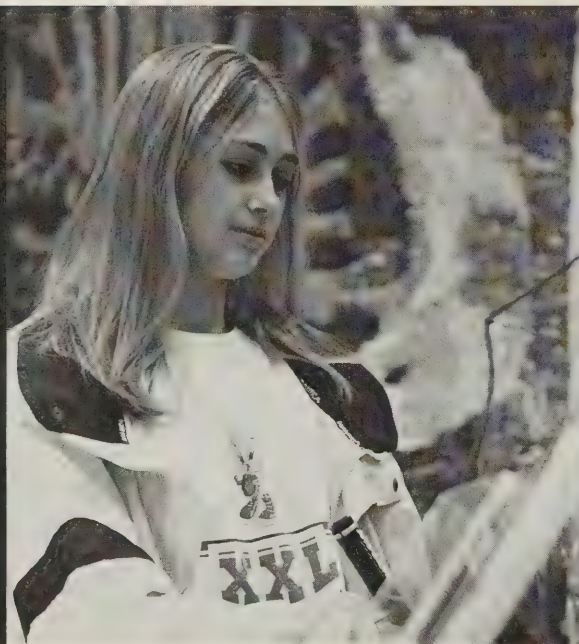


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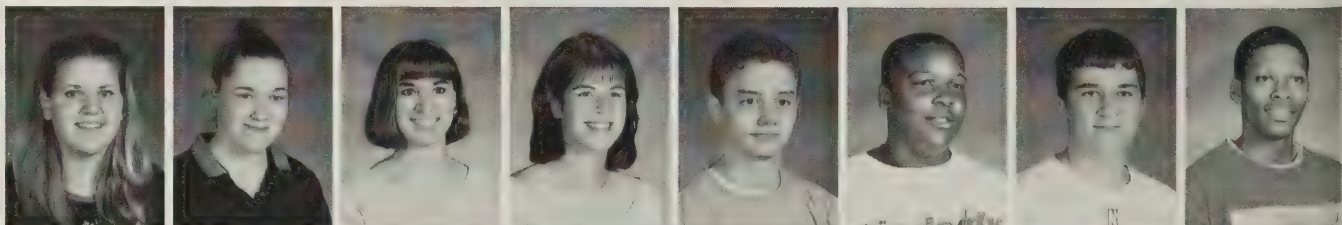


Left: **Scribble, Scribble Library**  
aide **Melissa Treger** scans some  
books in the library. Aides were  
vital in helping many teachers  
stay organized this year. Photo by  
Augusta Kuchinski

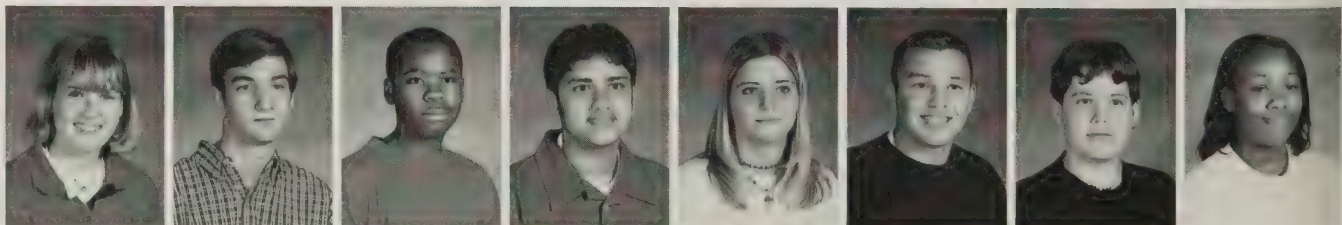
Right: **Music To My Ears.** **Ashley**  
**Crooks** plays her flute for  
symphonic band. Band was a  
great way to meet friends and  
have fun at football and  
basketball games. Photo by Sarah Bryant.



Jennifer Janis  
Valerie Jenkins  
Danielle Jennings  
Rebecca Johnsen  
Andrew Johnson  
Craig Johnson  
Paul Johnson  
David Jones



Lindsey Jones  
David Katz  
Derrick Kendall  
Raiyan Khan  
Amber Kiebert  
Derek King  
Lorne King  
Shakeya Kittrell





# Aides and Electives

## What to do with that extra period...

Let's face it. When it comes down to making up a schedule, there's always at least one period left over that you just don't know what to do with. This was the case for many Stafford students this year. The most beneficial solution: filling that period with a (hopefully) exciting elective or simply being an aide for one of the many teachers at Stafford.

Being an aide seemed like one of the more appealing choices. Not only was there a chance for you to roam the halls one period a day, but you also received your very own laminated hall pass. Seventh period aide for her mom, Mrs. Watts, Lorrie Watts said, "I love being an aide, it gives me a break from all my classes. It's fun."

Another option was taking an elective. Senior Meaghan Wilson chose to take Advanced Video Production. She said, "Taking electives is cool because they are easy grades that can boost up my GPA; plus, they're a lot of fun."

Whatever students chose to fill up "that extra period" with this year, you can be sure they had fun with it. Junior Katherine Thompson said, "My favorite period of the day is 5th period when I am an aide for Mrs. Love. All I have to do is walk around and give out passes to people. Or sometimes I just do my homework..." *Story by Stephanie Heffernan*

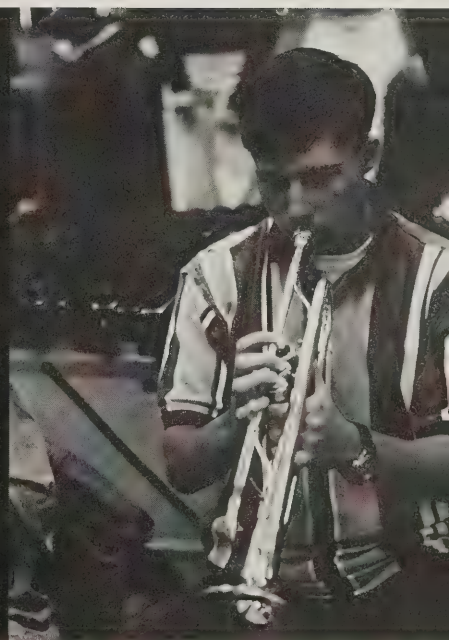


Top Left: **La La La. Alexandra Schlosser** sits in art class. Many sophomores discovered art class as a fun elective this year. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Middle Left: **Guitar Playing Andrew Johnson** plays his guitar to entertain his class. Many students enjoyed playing in their own bands as well as in the school band. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Left: **Cut It ALL Off! Katie Clore** practices for her cosmetology class. Cosmetology was a popular elective this year for students in all grades. Photo by Britt Smith.

Right: **Am I Off Key? Mike Barnum** plays his trumpet for band class. Many students played a wide array of instruments for the different types of bands. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



Alan Kravetz  
Kaine Krieger  
Amanda Lamb  
Daniel Lamboy  
Candace Landry  
Amanda Lane  
Steven Lawrence  
Brandon Leake

Joseph Leatherland  
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Joshua Lester  
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Tracey Lipscomb  
Nelia Littleton



# Taking Care of Business

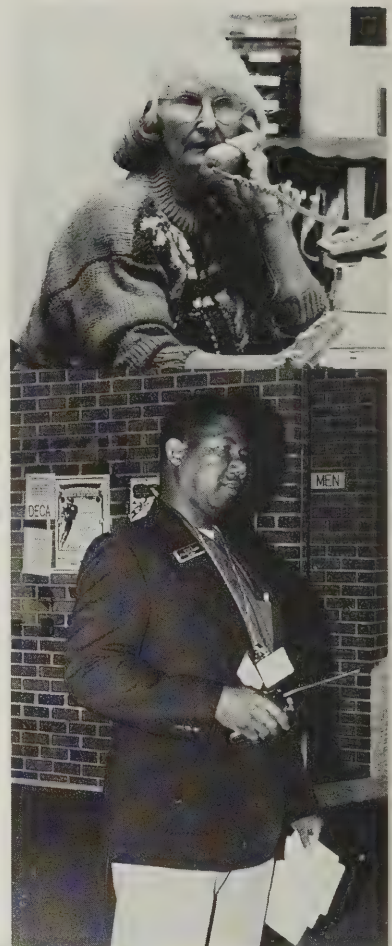
*Cafeteria Workers, Janitors, Secretary, Guards, Nurses, and Office Workers keep the school running.*

"Some days are just truly exhausting!" stated Ms. Gail DeWitt in the nurses office. The students at Stafford High School didn't always appreciate all the things that all of the employees at Stafford did. We did not always realize that without them, this school would have fallen apart. As Erin Hall said, "They are hard working folks."

While the students were here learning, so were the staff. "Some days I learned to do about ten things at once," Ms. DeWitt said. "It's one of the most interesting jobs I've ever had!"

"There's never a dull moment at Stafford!" Ms. DeWitt commented. Although we didn't always realize it as students, the workers have seen it all and always knew what was going on around our school. Steve Miller remarked, "I wouldn't even know where I was if it wasn't for the staff repeatedly saying 'You're in school Steve; you're in school.'"

A lot of students agreed that the custodians did a good job keeping the school, "nice and neat," as Britt Smith said. The nurses were keeping everyone good and healthy and the office workers were keeping this school in line and organized. *Story by Megan French.*



Top Right: **Blah Blah Blah!** Mrs. Margaret Ballard takes care of some guidance business over the phone. The guidance secretaries were always busy keeping track of all the kids in school. Photo by Desiree Orwat.

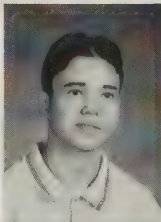
Middle Right: **Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!** Willy Benton is listening to the parking excuses of a junior. Willy was frequently seen patrolling the parking lot. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

Left: **Mmm Mmm Good!** Mrs. Ellie Linzi gets stuff ready for lunch. Every day the cafeteria workers had to go through the hassle of preparing food for students at Stafford High. Photo by Desiree Orwat.

Right: **Sounds Good to Me!** Mrs. Valerie Bryant and Mrs. Delois Allen agree on important school business. Photo by Desiree Orwat.



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Allison Love  
Caroline Loving  
Danielle Lucas  
John Paul Lucero  
Adam Lust  
Wendy Madison  
Sarah Mancini



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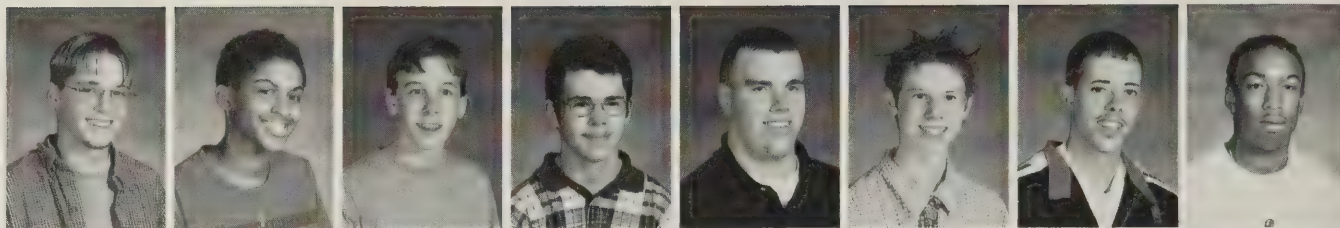
Left: **We're all Smiles!** Mrs. Eileen Neese greets students with a smile. Going into the guidance office was sometimes a relief for students. Photo by Desiree Orwat.

Below: **Hellooooo!** Mrs. Gail DeWitt, answers the phone in the nurse's office, making sure that everyone not feeling good has a ride home. The nurses always took good care of the students and made sure that they got better soon. Photo by Emily Dursa.





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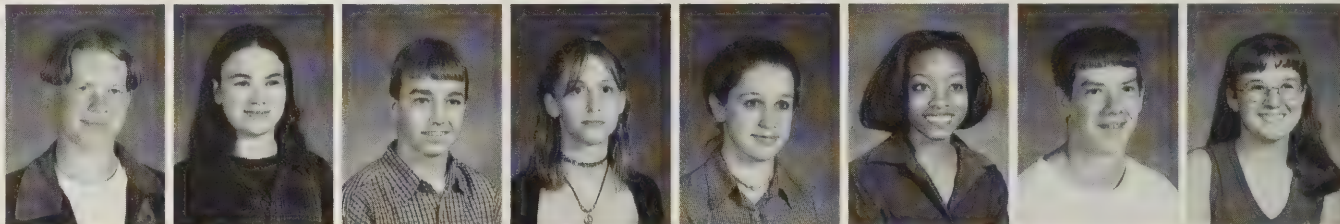
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Cynthia Muzzy  
Sarah Myers  
James Navarro  
Ashley Nave  
Jillian Nelson



Charles Nesmith  
Amy Newton  
Joseph Newton  
Tensley Newton  
Sarah Nielsen  
Chanelle Noel  
Tim O'Connell  
Irene O'Roark



**Stud Wagon.** Usually a favorite,  
the new trucks used for *Behind the  
Wheel* were often more fought  
over than the older cars. Photo by Kevin  
Louden.



George O'Sullivan  
Mary Ogle  
Justin Olson  
Robert Orcutt  
Jennifer Ozura  
Kathryn Palmer  
Chancellor Pennington  
Michael Peretich



Scott Perkins  
Robert Peterson  
Richard Phelps  
Sharon Pittman  
Sara Poe  
Josh Polen  
Matthew Pollio  
Terri Powell





**What do you look forward to doing after behind the wheel?**

"Driving my girlfriend."  
Ryan DeLoach



"Driving--its freedom!"  
Becky Marlow



"Its another excuse to get out of the house!"  
Jen Bagley



# Behind the Wheel

## *Learnin' the rules of the road*

So you finally reached the age of reason and you knew what that meant! YOU COULD DRIVE!!! But was Behind the Wheel as exciting as it first seemed? According to Nate McSpadden, "Every day is an adventure! I love the feeling that I get sitting inside one of those fine automobiles!" Yet after some time, students began to lose the excitement in the repetitious actions. "It's the same thing day after day, but hey, if that's what it takes to get a license, I'm all for it," said Jeremiah Poyck. Driving is no joking matter though, and it had to be taken seriously in order to pass the drivers' test. Amber Duffy recognized the importance of paying attention to her instructors. "I have learned that driving is a fun and enjoyable experience and that beats PE any day." *Story by Robyn P. Good.*



**The Indian Vehicle** *Driving a whopping 10 miles per hour in circles repeatedly can get a tad bit tiring.*

*Photo by Kevin Louder.*



Seth Powers  
Jeremiah Poyck  
Austin Price  
Shannon Price  
Shawn Price  
Jerymi Ream  
Daniel Reeve  
Nicole Reinboldt

Paige Reisenfeld  
Kyle Richards  
Lisa Richardson  
Brynetta Riley  
Buffy Ripley  
Stephen Rockwell  
Kristin Rollins  
Jessica Rorrer



# Under Construction

## *Building The New*

There were many changes that the school was undergoing at the end of each year. Many of the old class rooms upstairs and downstairs were being remodeled. Renovations included everything from simply painting the walls and replacing the carpet, to tearing down the old walls and replacing them with new ones. This large scale renovation included tearing out all the ceilings and replacing all the heating and air conditioning ducts in an effort to give us clean air. Brad Hayes said about the renovations, "The new rooms were a nice addition to the school and I was amazed that they were able to get that stain out of the carpet in my old math classroom." Others had similar thoughts. Ellen Ahearn said, "The new rooms really make the school look a lot nicer than it did before."

Another major part of the renovation was the replacement of the old, dim, dust-covered lights with the new, fresh, bright ones. James Navarro said, "It's great not having to squint every time I put in my locker combination." The teachers also had an opinion on their new rooms. When Mr. Neatour was questioned on how he felt about his new room he said, "It really lays the smack down on my old room." For the most part it seemed that the renovations made our school better as a whole and changed the old gloomy feeling to a new exciting one. *Story by Steve Miller.*

**Right: Making Use Of New Equipment.** Michelle Wood types away on the school's recently acquired computers. The new computers made keyboarding classes more enjoyable for students. Photo by Meghan Wilson.

**Middle Right: Point and Click.** Brittany Ruck puts the new computers to use in her Keyboarding Applications class. The new equipment was valued by the Stafford students. Photo by Meghan Wilson.

**Far Right: Need a TV?** Leroy Reed and others sit in their new classroom and enjoy a lesson from Mrs. Rouski. Many of the new class rooms had their flaws, like missing televisions. Photo by Meghan Wilson.



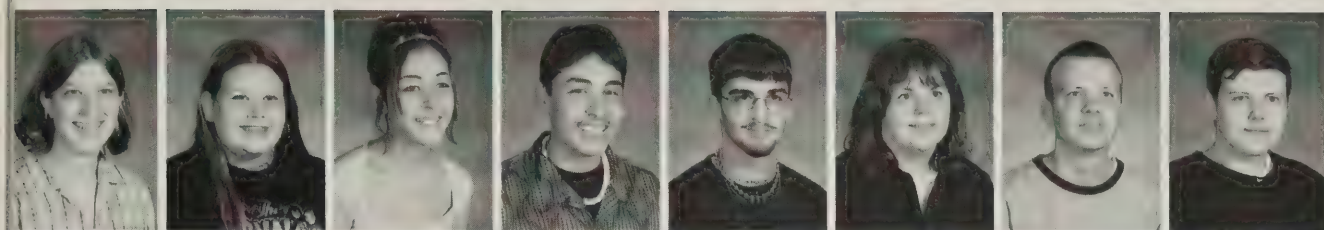
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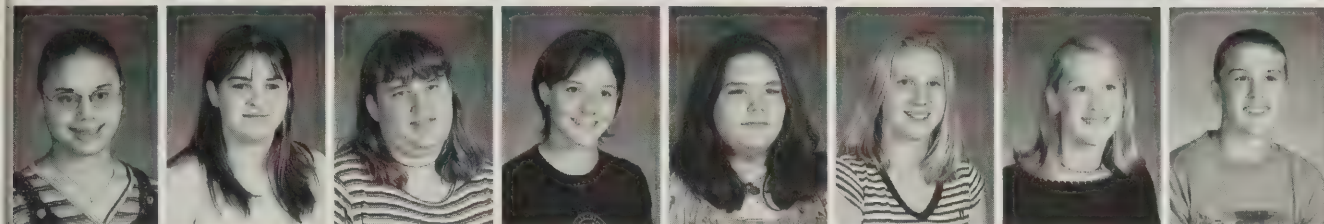
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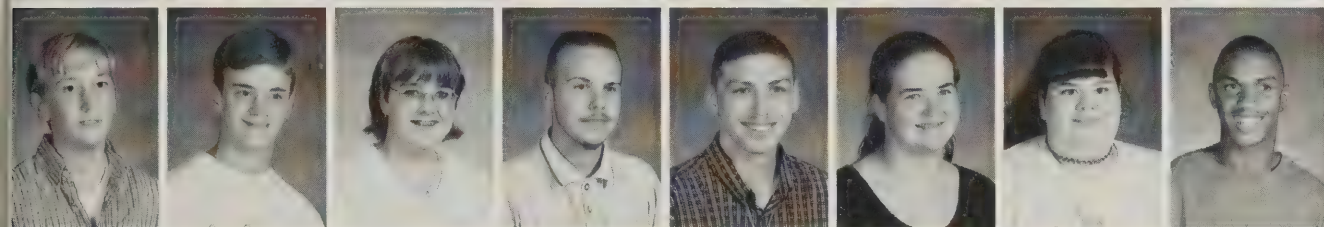
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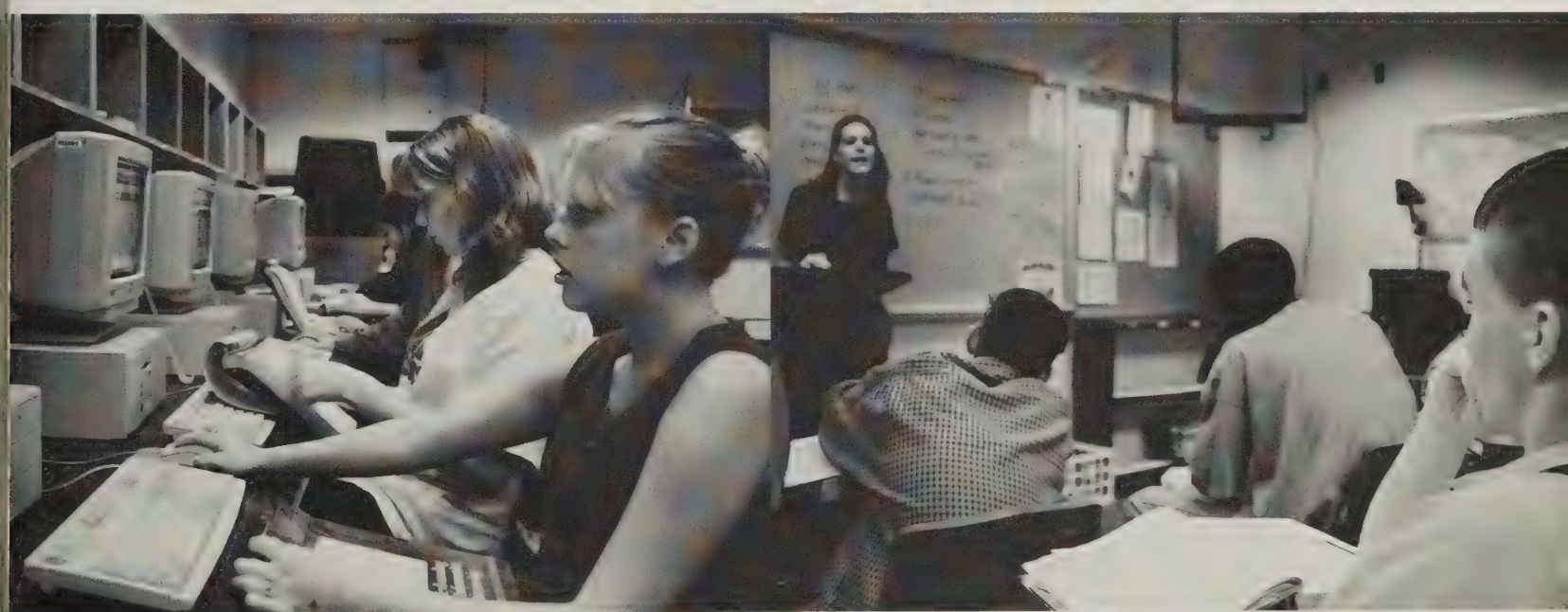
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Jeremy Smith  
Tara Smith  
Kyle Smoot  
Monica Soto  
Johanna Speight  
Alison Spillane  
Kyle Springs



Jon Staab  
Alex Starck  
Lisa Stephens  
Fred Stevens  
Bryan Stewart  
Jennifer Stone  
Robyn Stone  
Monzell Strother



Megan Stutzman  
Mickey Sullivan  
Sarah Sullivan  
Tara Sullivan  
Tracy Sullivan  
Nicole Swink  
Robert Synan  
Ryan Tabassi



Jonathan Tarasoff  
Charles Taylor  
Crystal Taylor  
James Taylor  
Ian Thomas  
Amy Thompson  
Daniel Thompson  
Kyle Thompson



Meghan Thompson  
Nathan Thompson  
Patrick Thorpe  
Thomas Titus  
Robert Tolson  
Melissa Treger  
Steve Trinh  
Kim Tulloss



Adam Tutor  
Brian Ugalde  
Adam Van Zandbergen  
Ashley Vaughn  
Daniel Vinagro  
Kristin Vinagro  
Megan Vrabel  
Tiffany Waller



Klarissa Ward  
Larisa Washburn  
Julia Washington  
James Watkins  
Kristy Watts  
Jessica Weldon  
Morgan Wells-Stokes  
Casey Welsh



Brittany West  
Michael Whitby  
Nicole White  
Sean White  
Kyle Whitlock  
Shelley Whitney  
Candace Whittemore  
Amanda Wiblitzhouser



Leigh Willhoit  
Keith Williams  
Megan Williams  
Veronica Williamson  
Blake Willis  
Hunter Willis  
Ashley Wilson  
Jennifer Witten



Dustin Wood  
Lauren Wood  
Megan Wood  
Taylor Wood  
Matthew Woodson  
Daniel Wright  
Maryanne Yednock  
Karla Yingling





# Sophomore Class Officers

## *Getting it All Together*

The sophomore class officers of 1999-2000 definitely had their work cut out for them. With the Homecoming float and all the other school activities to do, it was amazing that these people ever got any classwork done. But these leaders of their class rose to the challenge and succeeded in their attempt to have the best year possible. Dustin Wood, the class president said, "I organized the class float and thought of new ideas to improve the class."

The class officers had a huge amount of weight on their shoulders regarding their class. Shanna Hylton said, "Being class treasurer brings on a lot of responsibility. I have to collect the dues for the entire sophomore class. Having all that money under your control can be a lot of pressure!" Despite all these pressures, the class officers still got a lot of joy from their duties, and had a lot of fun. This was shown by the three returning officers from freshman year--Rebekah Smart, Britt Smith and Shanna Hylton.

The second year of high school was a transition period on the road to growing up. The sophomore class officers of 1999 fulfilled their duties quite responsibly, and definitely showed a new-found maturity in this year. Most of all, they enjoyed being the leaders of their class. Rebekah Smart exclaimed, "Being a class officer is an awesome responsibility, and I take pride in the class of 2002!" *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*

**Far Left: Say Cheese!** Clowning around for the camera, Britt Smith takes time out of her busy schedule to act a little silly. Britt was good at her job as a class officer, and she was also able to have fun while getting the job done. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Middle Left: Time Out** Dustin Wood takes a break from the strenuous activities of physical education class. The class officers had various other talents and participated in many different sports. Dustin played basketball for the Indians as well as served as an officer. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Below Left: Get Ready to Run** Opening her gym locker, Shanna Hylton prepares to participate in gym class. Shanna was another of the class officers who also participated in after school sport; she played soccer for the tribe in the Spring. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Below: All Smiles** Officer Rebekah Smart finds the time to start up a conversation with fellow sophomore classmate Traci Lipscomb. The class officers always found time to have fun, no matter how much work they had to do. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.



Sally York  
Karen Young  
Brian Zehring  
Zoe Zerbe  
Ruyan Zhao  
Sarah Zoric





A new school filled with new faces is what every freshmen experienced coming in to high school. They realized that they are no longer the “big dogs” that were able to pick on those who were younger than they were. Now, they were the ones being picked on.

The realization of bigger lockers, a variety of lunch choices, herding crowds of students, and an overall sense of freedom was overwhelming to the newcomers. “I never knew that there were going to be so many choices for lunch,” said Jennifer Little. “And you can’t even imagine the large crowds between classes,” said Allison Groff. “I felt like I was in a stampede.”

It’s wasn’t hard after a week or two to know your way around the school even though the first week it got a little confusing. Many freshmen become live bait to the pranks of the upperclassmen. “When I got lost, I knew that I wouldn’t get anywhere except the 3rd floor to the pool if I asked anyone that was a junior or senior,” said Robert Thompson. Every year is repetitive of the year before. Things will never change, and the tradition will continue into the next generation. *Story by Laurie Mathias.*

Top Right: **Is it Right?** *Brandon Garraway and Sean Harvey work steadily during science class.* Photo by Matt Catalano.

Right: **Time to Kick Back...** *Charlie Elmore, Nikki Noel, and Jennifer Little take advantage of their time to sit and do nothing during a hectic day at school.* Photo by Amanda Summers.

Opposite Page: **Taking A Closer Look...** *Examining the problem harder, Alan Farmer works hard to get good grades.* Photo by Heather Akin.





# Freshmen





## What was your first impression of high school?

"Because of all the people, the days go by faster. It was also a fun experience being on homecoming court."

Morgan Hulsey



"The school is big and crowded. The people are very colorful."

Matt Kendall



"It is a lot of fun going to high school. School is very challenging though."

Matt Blake



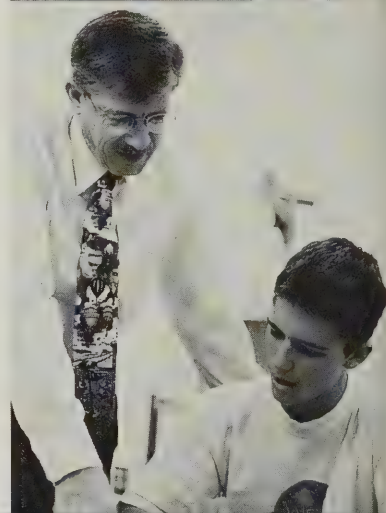
# First Impression

## Freshmen begin high school with eyes wide open

The class of 2003 came to Stafford with an open outlook. Freshmen had no idea what to expect of high school life. April Miller said, "My first impression was that there were a lot more people! I definitely think that high school is better than middle school!" In the fall, the school had a freshmen orientation to welcome these new students. Freshmen were able to visit their teachers and classrooms. They were also able to walk around the school with their parents to find places such as the cafeteria and the library. The fright of entering a new school with almost two thousand students was not left behind at orientation. Lindsey Piester admitted, "Scary! That was my first impression of high school. After the first week, high school became a lot of fun though." Many freshman soon realized that high school was not as frightening as they had predicted.

Freshmen were also able to play on freshman sports teams. Bonds were often made between freshmen athletes and their varsity role models. "Being on the cheerleading squad helped me meet a lot of new people. Having a big sister on the varsity squad helped a lot when it came to learning the ways of Stafford," said Megan Weaver.

Before the first nine weeks was over, the freshman class was already used to high school. Freshmen like Jesse Thomas enjoyed all the activities of high school. He said, "There are a lot of activities in high school that I never knew of, such as the many sports teams. I think that basketball is the best." Freshmen enjoyed their first year, which was filled with dances, competitions, bonfires, and much more. *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*

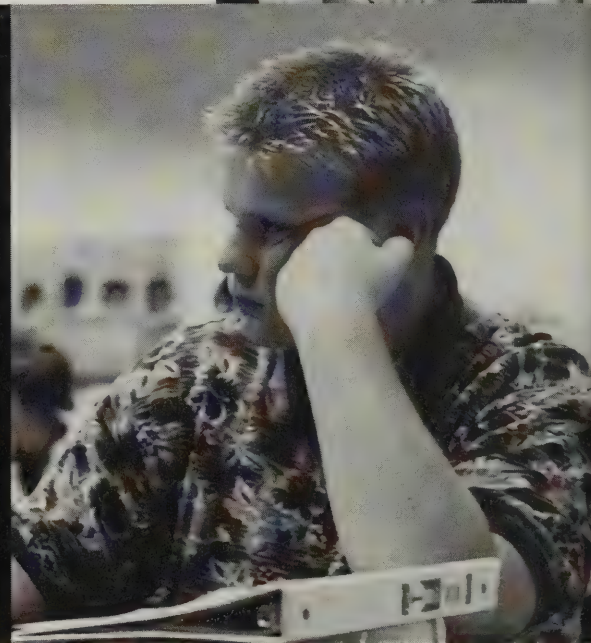


**Top Right: A bigger gym** Nikki Noel sits in her designated line as she prepares for gym class. Freshmen appreciated the experience of a wider variety of sports to play in gym. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*

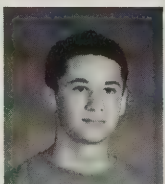
**Middle Right: The New World of Foreign Language** Latin teacher Mr. Wray helps Zach Brown with his homework. *Photo by Diana Price.*

**Left: Gym is Fun** Mike Hilleary poses as he waits for gym class to begin. Only two years of gym class was required, so it was not mandatory after 10th grade. *Photo by Diana Price.*

**Right: Why Does School Have to be so Challenging?** Sitting in class, Sophomore Chris Cwiak listens intently to his teacher's lecture. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*



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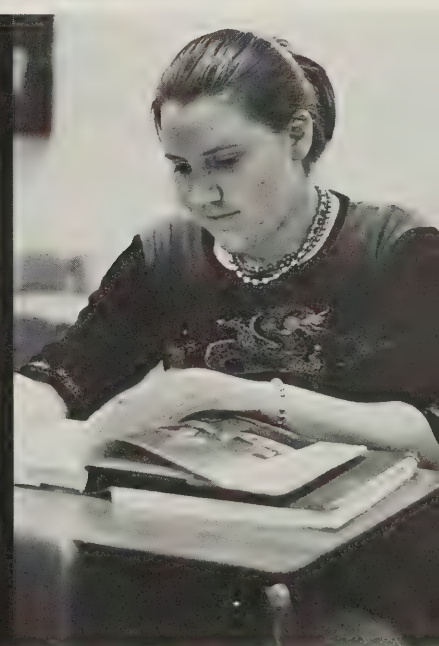
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**Left: Working Hard** In class, **Bill Krugler** studies his book. A lot of freshmen enjoyed the many new experiences in high school, especially all the different choices of classes to take. Photo by Diana Price.

**Right: You Can Learn a Lot by Reading** Kelly Fern reads her assignment even though she would rather look at the pictures. Students could learn a lot by actually reading their textbooks. Photo by Diana Price.



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**Left: Going through the Motions...** Sarah Dasilva, Lisa Ammens, and April Angeletta find time to open their lockers between classes. The freshmen found that they had to manage their time in order to go to their lockers and make it to class on time. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

**Right: Cram and Walk...** Angelina Fitzgerald crams for a test as she walks to class in a hurry. Not only did the freshmen learn how to navigate the halls, but they could also do it while studying. Photo by Meghan Hewitt.



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# In between Classes

## The five minute drill...

It's the first day of your freshman year of high school. You're confused, lost, and helpless. When you manage to find your homeroom, you soon discover that you only have five minutes to find your next class, and the class after that, and the class after that, and so on. "I was late to every one of my classes, everyday, for the first week of school," said Diana Chamberlain. One of the things that made it so hard to get to class in less than five minutes was that lockers were so hard to find. "My locker is in the middle of nowhere!" exclaimed Leslie Rothman. Even if you did find what section your locker was in, some of the freshmen had a hard time remembering which one was theirs. "I always forget my locker number, so it takes me the five minutes to remember it, find it, and open it!" said Willy Royston. Mostly, the freshmen found it so hard to get to class in just five minutes because, as Katie Catalano said, "I don't know where to go, there are so many people, the bathrooms are crowded, and everyone is bigger than me!" Here are a few pearls of wisdom to the freshmen of the future from Allison Groff: "As the year goes on it gets easier. It isn't as bad anymore, and I haven't had a detention yet!" *Story by Ashley Dameron.*

### What do you do between classes?

"I carry my bookbag with me during the day, so between classes I just talk with my friends or go to class early."

Ann Jacoby



"I go to my sister's locker and switch lunches! Just kidding, but I do use her locker."

Jonathon Schremp

"Between classes, I try to fill my water bottle up for cross country and track, and of course, I go to my locker."

Allison Groff



Top Left: **28-31-17** Britt Calloway opens his locker with great ease. It was a shock to have to remember so many different combinations (regular locker, gym locker, etc.), so sometimes it took a little longer to remember the right one. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

Middle Left: **Where is it?** Kelly Carlow searches for something deep inside her locker. The freshmen found it was hard to stay organized in such small lockers. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

Left: **OUTTA MY WAY!** Susie Hall and Mary Becker push through the upstairs halls with arms full of books and determined faces. Photo by Meghan Hewitt.

Right: **No Pushing...** Nick Merit, Justin DePello, and Mike Meyer walk down the stairs together. Photo by Meghan Hewitt.



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Christopher Dupke  
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Quinnell Echols  
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James Essex



## How did you make new friends this year?

"I met lots of new people through football and other sports."  
Eric Herlan



"I met new people at parties and through field hockey."  
Caitlyn Faller

"I met new people through my sister's friends and by being the field hockey manager."  
Susan Hatcher



# New Friends

## Making the adjustments from middle school to high school

As freshmen learned to gradually assimilate themselves into their new high school environment, they also learned that one of the key ingredients of a happy high school lifestyle was new friends. As former students of two rival middle schools, Gayle and Drew, the freshman encountered many new freshmen faces as well as an overwhelming amount of upperclassmen. Some students found it easier to make new friends than others, though. Freshman Marjorie Franke said, "My sister is a senior so that made it easier for me to come to the high school, since I knew most of her friends already."

Others wanted to get to know some of the new people around them a little better. Freshman Katie Catalano said, "I just tried to be myself and that made it easy for me to meet lots of new people who I have become friends with." This was the general idea many freshman had in mind when they came to Stafford. Being yourself almost always guaranteed that you would find at least a few people at Stafford with interests like yours.

Other students preferred to stick with the crowd they had been hanging out with in the years previous to their ones in high school. Freshman Lester Coles said, "All my friends are older than I am, and I knew all of them already when I came to Stafford, so I didn't have to try to make new friends." Either way--making new friends or sticking with the old ones--freshmen learned to enjoy their first year at Stafford with the rest of their friends. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*



**Top Right: Yum** Stephanie Vukovich laughs as her friend stares at her lunch. Many freshmen gradually learned that french fries tasted a lot better than some of the stuff Mom liked to pack. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

**Middle Right: I know the face paint's in here somewhere...** Leslie Rothman and Diana Chamberlain search for various items stashed in their locker. Many freshman joined the cheerleaders in wearing blue and gold for Friday football and basketball games. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*

**Right: Have a Laugh** Caitlyn Faller, Lindsey Piester, and Christine Boutchyard have a laugh in between classes. People could be found socializing all over school during the short 5 minutes in between classes. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*



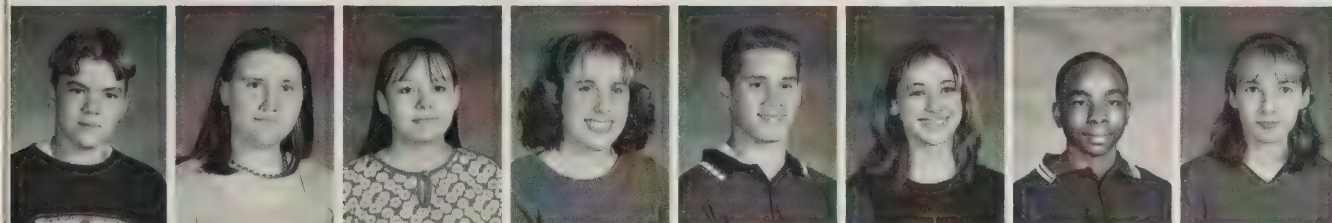
**Opposite Page Right: Interesting...** Katherine Thompson looks thoroughly enthused at her lunch mates' conversation. Lunch was a break time for students to relax and forget about schoolwork for a while. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

**Opposite Page Far Right: War Paint** Jill Augustine paints a friend's face before a football game. Freshmen found new pride in their school this year as they tried to keep up with the "body art" of the seniors. *Photo by Britt Smith.*

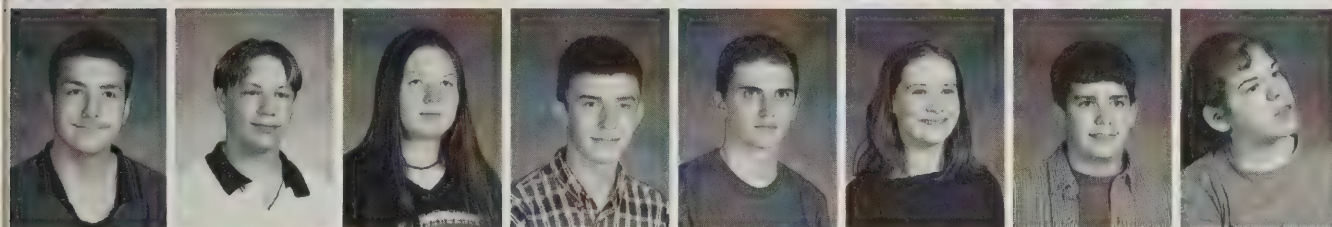




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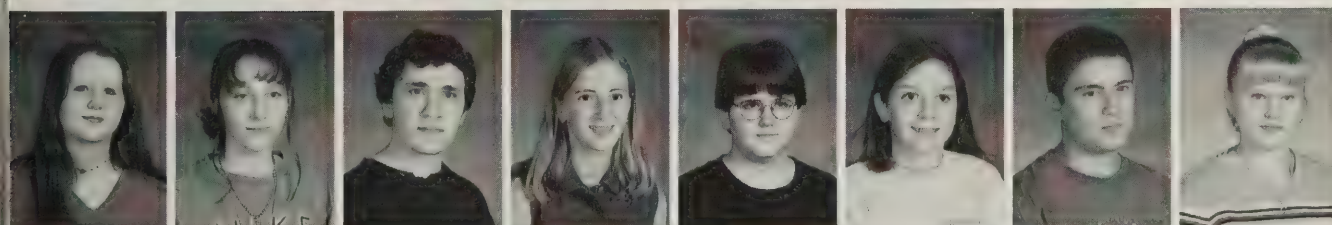
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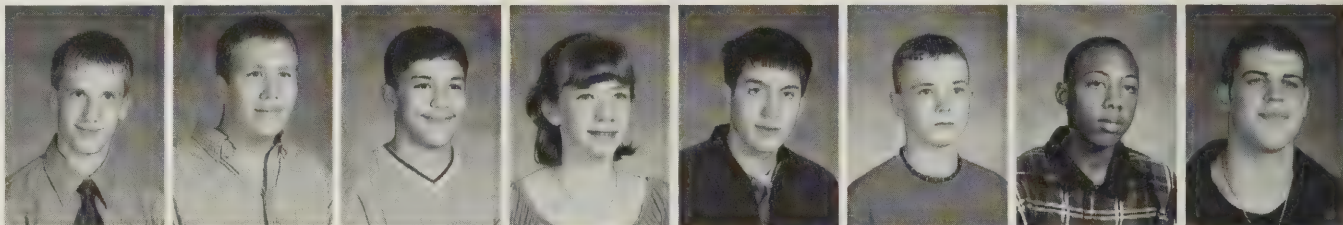
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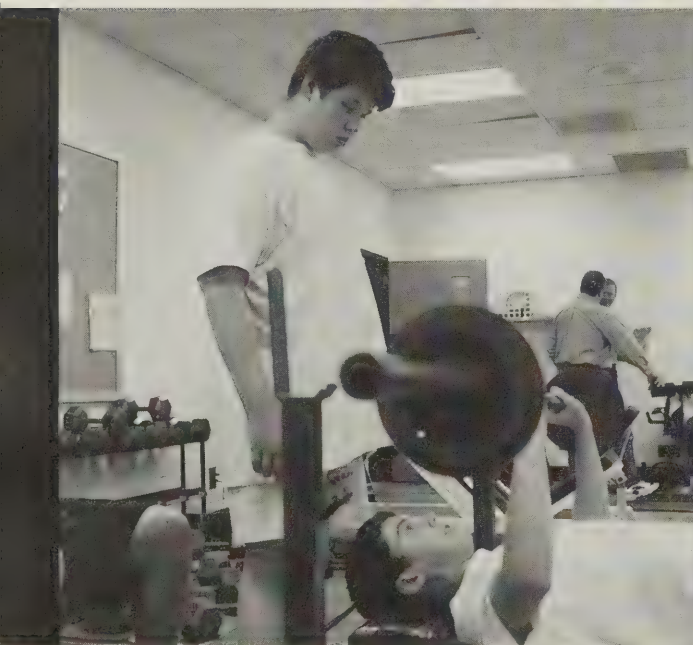
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Brandon Hopkins



**Pumpin' Iron!** Dan Reeves lifts weights while Jesse Thomas spots him. While lifting weights, you always needed to have a spotter so that you didn't hurt yourself. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Building up the Muscles!** Jason Robinson and a friend work in the weight room to build up those muscles while impressing all the freshman girls. Photo by Lindsay Hession.





# Freshmen in Sports

## Go, Fight, Win!!!

Hard work leads to success! As a freshman in high school, it is a privilege to play on a sports team. For some sports, such as football and girls and boys basketball, there were Freshman, JV, and Varsity teams. As for other sports, there were just JV and Varsity. No matter what sport you played, or what team you were on, it still took hard work to succeed. As Timmy Sullivan said, "If you want to play football, you need to try really hard and show what you can do."

Freshmen just about always enjoyed playing a sport and representing their school. Even though it might have been hard work, they always realized in the end that it was all worth it. As Nikki Noel said, "Field hockey was awesome! We worked really hard all season and did great!" Jason Swidrak agreed with his comment, "JV baseball was a lot of fun!"

Despite the bad reputations that freshmen were given, they were still given the opportunity to play sports and succeed! *Story by Megan French.*

### What sport do you play, and why do you like it?

"I play basketball, and I like it because I like going to other schools while representing mine, challenging other people, and then winning!"

**Latoya White**



"I like being a cheerleader because it's a lot of fun and I have made lots of friends being one!"

**Loren Castro**

"I play lacrosse, and I like it because it's fun and is a hard-hitting sport."

**Tommy McAllister**



**Top Left: Don't Pull a Muscle!** *Jennifer Hession stretches before going out to run for track. Whenever you play a sport, you have to stretch first to make sure you don't strain anything.* Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Middle Left: Are you Ready?!** *Nick Colon gets ready for football practice early in the morning. During the summer many different sports teams had gruesome early practices every day.* Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Left: Stretch It Out!** *Katie Catalano stretches before practice. During the summer the track team had many exhausting practices, and in order to keep from being sore the next day, they needed to stretch.* Photo by Lindsay Hession.



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Dan Jensen  
Crystal Jett  
James Johnson  
Laura Johnson  
Anna Jolley



## What was your first impression of the cafeteria?

"It's big, but nicer than those in middle school."  
Ali Wyne



"There were no doors to enter into the cafeteria."  
Marci Mitchel

"It's big and crowded."  
Darcey Pearce



# Fitting in to the cafeteria

*No cuts, no butts,  
no coconuts*

Being a freshman was hard enough with all the name-calling and teasing that upperclassmen put them through day after day. But when you were starving for something to eat and couldn't seem to wait any longer to fill your empty stomach, up came a group of seniors who cut *right* in front of you! When asked, Elizabeth Smith agreed that people cutting in line was very frustrating. "Just because the seniors are older doesn't mean that they should get to eat first." So how was Stafford's cafeteria different from the middle school cafeteria setting? For one, it was much more crowded, and two, the time went by so fast! Jenna Strahan-Owen said, "There are vending machines and more lines to get food, so it's not always as crowded. We need more chairs though." Still, some students had a more positive outlook on the cafeteria scenario and enjoyed their lunch. Carly Jones said, "I don't really have a problem with people cutting in front of me; it's only lunch." Once students had a more optimistic outlook though, lunch was more enjoyable, and was a great way to catch up on the latest gossip with your friends. *Story by Robyn P. Good.*



Top Right: **Got Milk? Lisa Ammens** enjoys her lunch time. Photo by Lesley Wall.

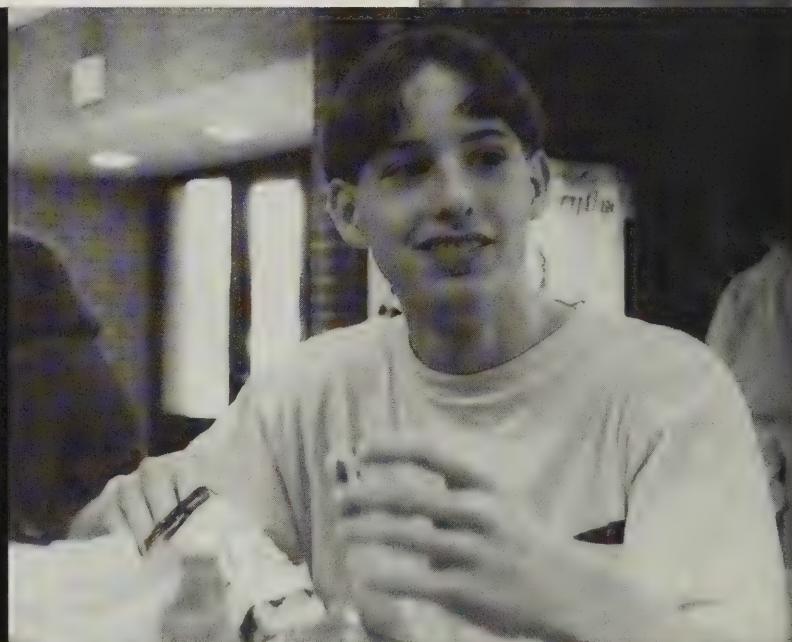
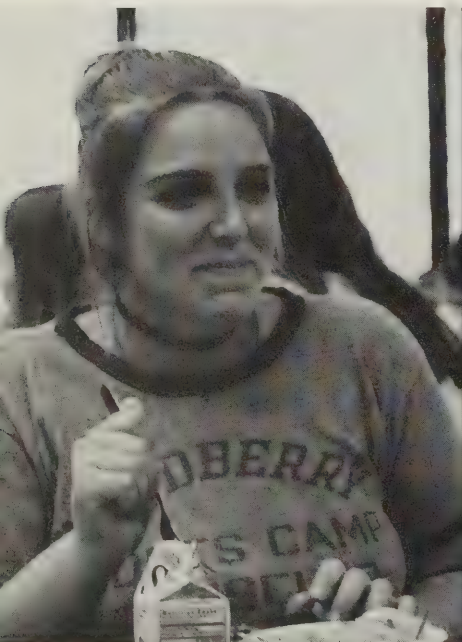
Middle Right: **Yummy in my Tummy** Taking advantage of the school's Taco Salad Day, Jennifer Harrison chats while she eats. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Left: **Who Needs Food? Jessica Peneranda** was one who chose to refrain from eating school food. Photo by Lesley Wall.

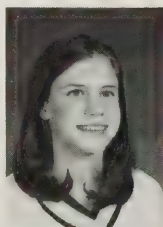
Left: **Food Fight! Randy Newton** preferred a bagged lunch. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Opposite Page Right: **Chow Time Matt Pero** enjoyed his warm school lunch. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Opposite Page Far Right: **Wow, That Looks Good! Tara Bragg** looks with admiration at Rebecca Bradman's delicious salad. Photo by Lesley Wall.



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Elpi Karvounis  
Katie Kelley  
Kevin Kelley  
Paul Kelley  
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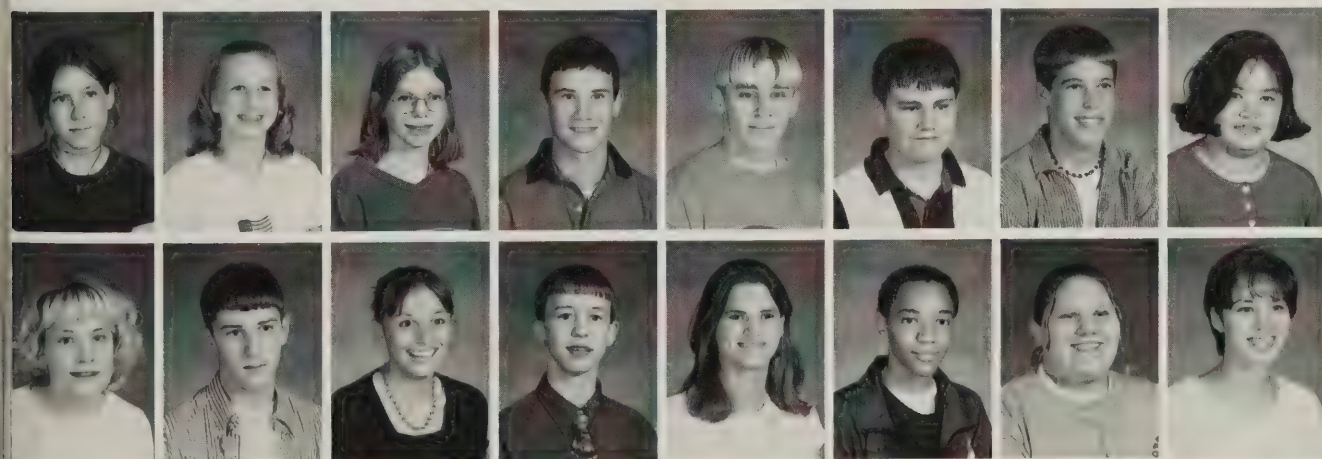


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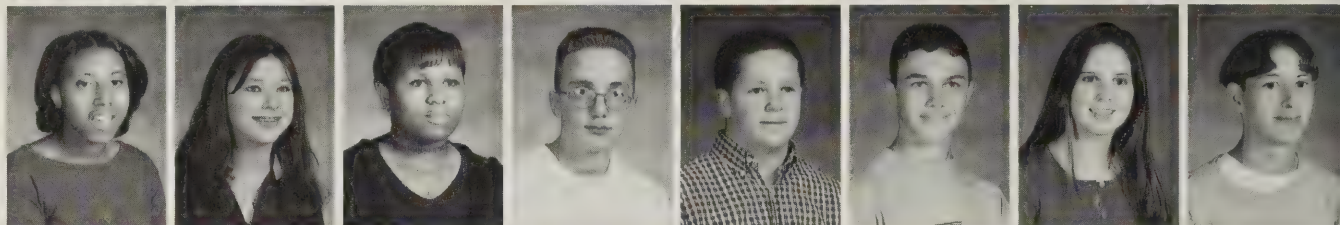
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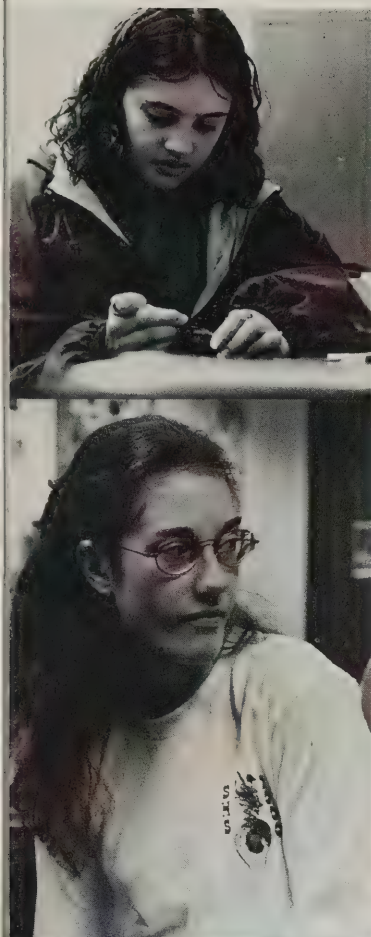
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# A New World

## Foreign exchange students

The students at Stafford took for granted the world that they lived in. They drove their cars to school everyday, went to their seven classes, threw their books in their locker, and went home at two fifteen in the afternoon. They did this all week long while desperately looking forward to the weekend. The students never thought twice about this routine; they simply did it mindlessly for one hundred and eighty days. For students that have not done this for their whole lives, it seems odd. Foreign exchange students came to Stafford to observe our way of living in comparison to their own way. Elisa Monformosa said, "The American school is very different from the Italian one. In Italy we don't change classrooms, we don't have lockers, and we go to school on Saturdays. We can also buy our books and write things in them." Another foreign exchange student, Onicha Mitchia from Thailand, said, "Stafford is very different from my old school. At Stafford there is air conditioning but no windows; in Thailand there are windows in every class room but no air conditioning." She also commented on the differences between the people. She said, "I was afraid of not being able to get to know anyone here because I didn't think that I would be able start a conversation with someone." The difficulty for a foreign person to cope with a new environment must have been great, but somehow these students managed to survive in our school academically and socially. *Story by Steve Miller.*

### Where were you last year?

"I was in an Italian high school last year."  
Elisa Monformosa

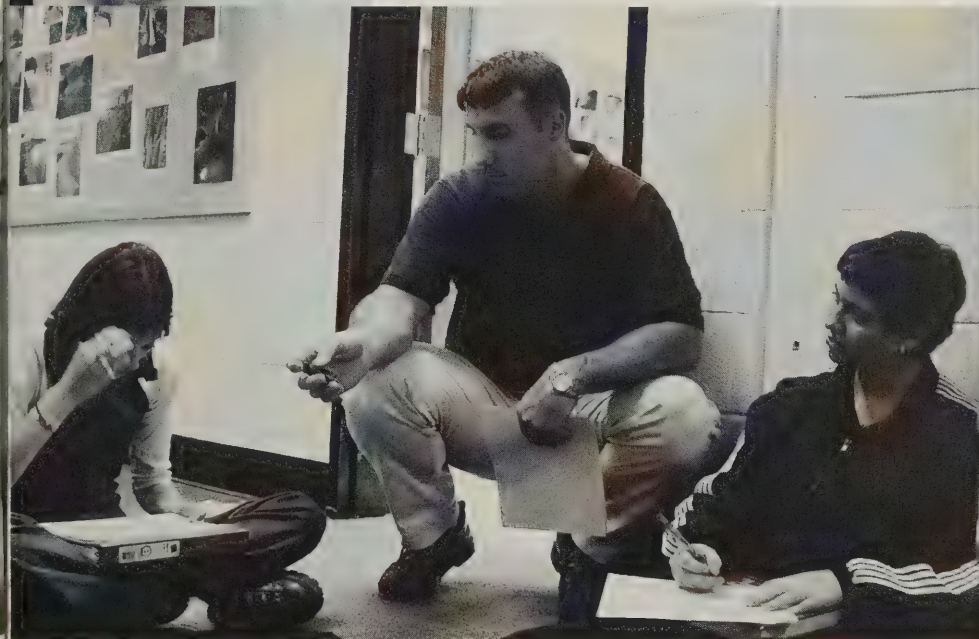


"Last year I was in Thailand."  
Onicha Mitchia

"I went to a German high school for two years before coming here."  
Gisela Brandek



"Before coming to Stafford I went to a German school."  
Stefanie Troch



Top Left: **Wow, It's a Rock** Lacie Haney examines the contents of a piece of the earth. New students had to do many things of this sort in their Earth Science classes. *Photo by Rebecca Graham.*

Middle Left: **A New Home** Elisa Monformosa, a foreign exchange student from Italy, adjusts to her surroundings. Elisa was one of a few daring people who came from a foreign land to attend Stafford. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

Opposite Page Far Left: **Goggles, Shmoggles** Danny Hicks and Caleb Newton bravely do a lab for class. Labs were a new and exciting change of pace for former middle schoolers. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

Opposite Page Left: **Working Hard** Don Compton works hard in class on his English. Coming to high school gave students new work responsibilities that they did not have in middle school. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

Left: **Listen Up, Kids** Mr. Neatrou educates a couple of freshmen at Stafford. Earth Science was a mandatory class for the new Stafford students. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*



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Zachary Richbourg  
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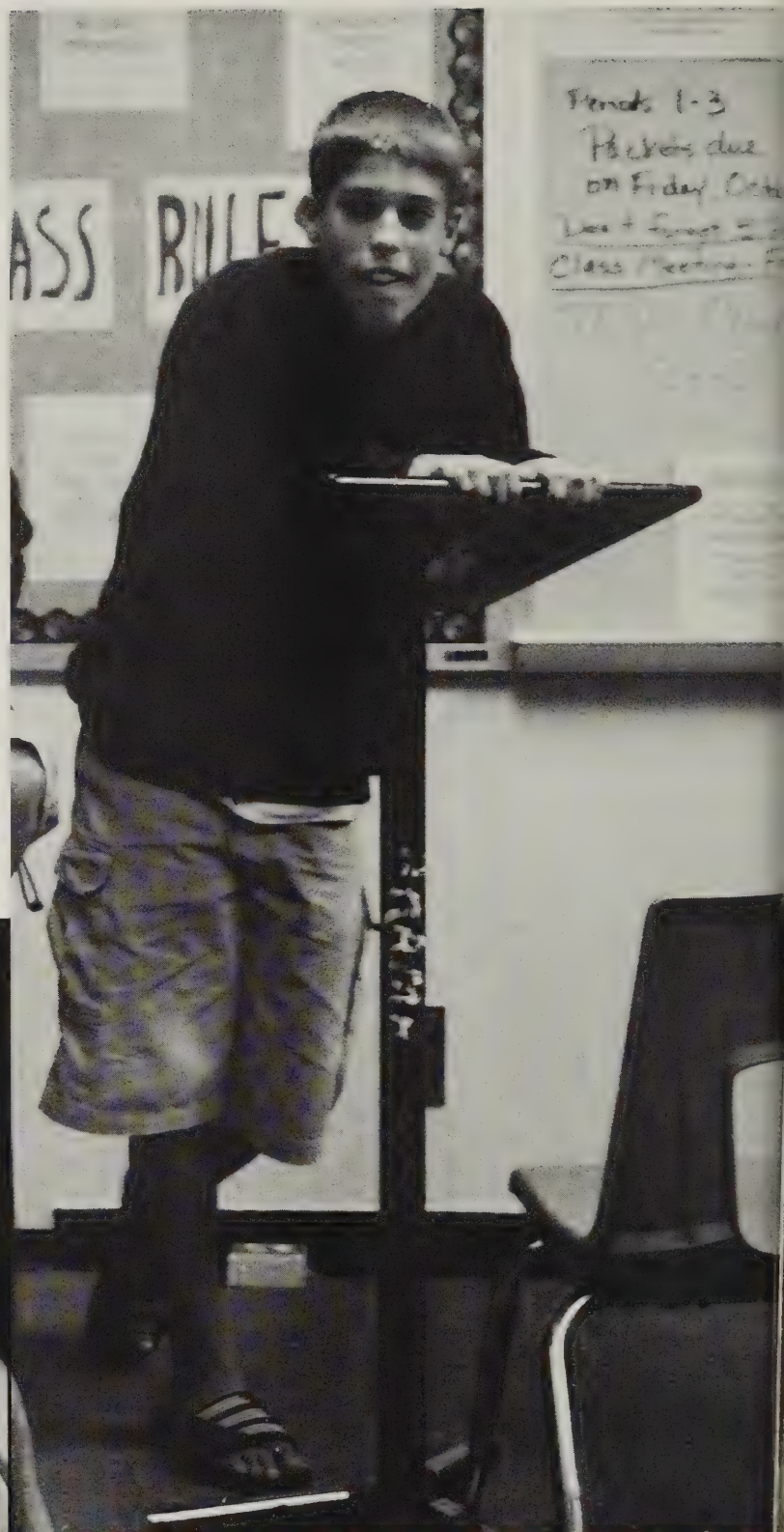
# Freshman Class Officers

## *Representing the Class of 2003*

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Mike Meyers elected president; Ashley Aynes, Vice President; Tiffany Kerby, Secretary; and Darcey Pierce, Treasurer, for the year of 1999-2000.

It all started out with elections, and these lucky freshman were given the chance to represent their class. "I was really surprised to find out that I actually won," said Tiffany Kerby. With the two middle schools (Gayle and Drew) combining together, students met a lot of new faces in a short amount of time. In doing so, freshman had to rely on their prior knowledge of their peers to elect good candidates. Reliability, respectability, and trustworthiness are among the few qualities that students took into mind to make their decisions.

"We met a few different times during the year," said Mike Meyers, "and talked about upcoming events." During the meetings, issues like the inevitable five dollar class dues, homecoming and the homecoming float, and last but not least, fund-raisers, were discussed. Their sponsor for the year was Mrs. Bridges, who teaches World History. She enjoyed spending some of her spare time with the students that were making an effort to help their class. She commented, "I really enjoyed working with them this year. They worked cooperatively with each other, and listened to my input on certain issues, as well as each others' opinions." *Story by Laurie Mathias.*



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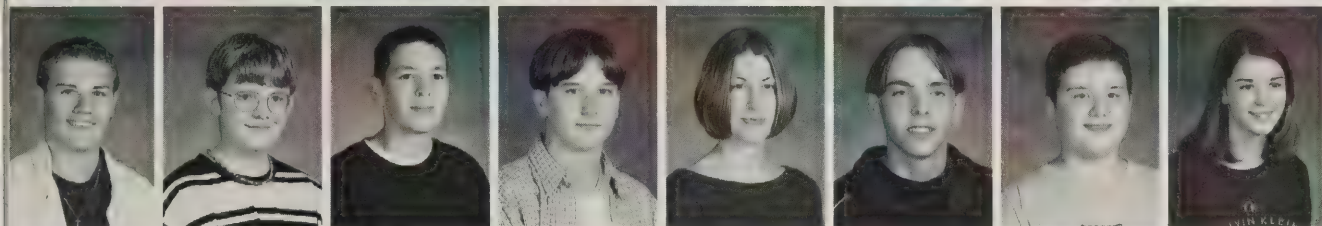
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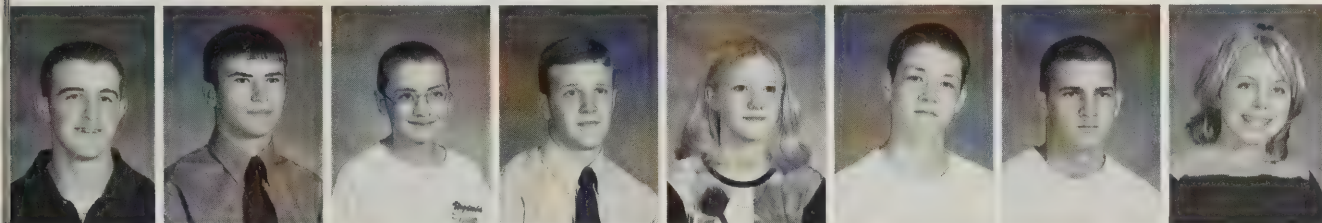
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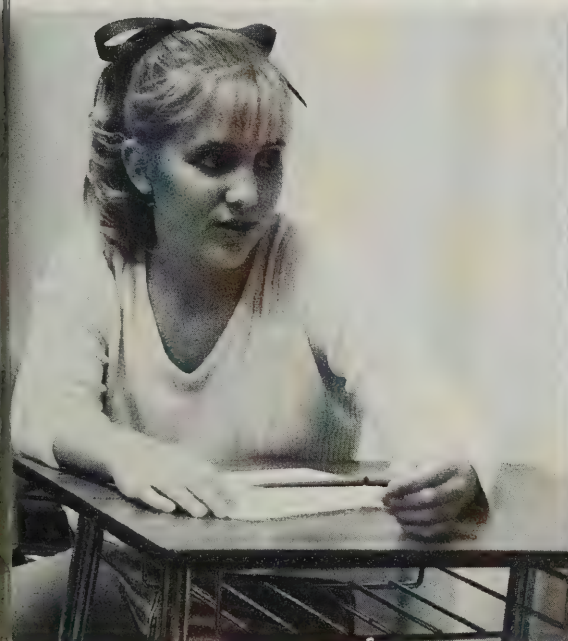
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**Vice President of the freshman class**  
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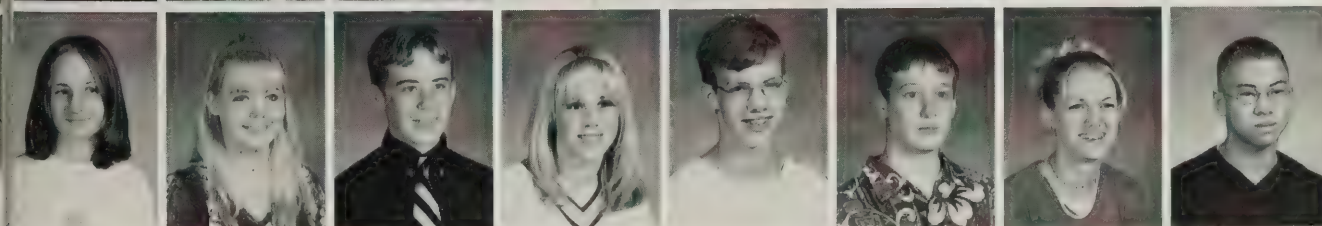
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**President of the class of 2003** was  
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Left: **Secretary** *Keeping everyone*  
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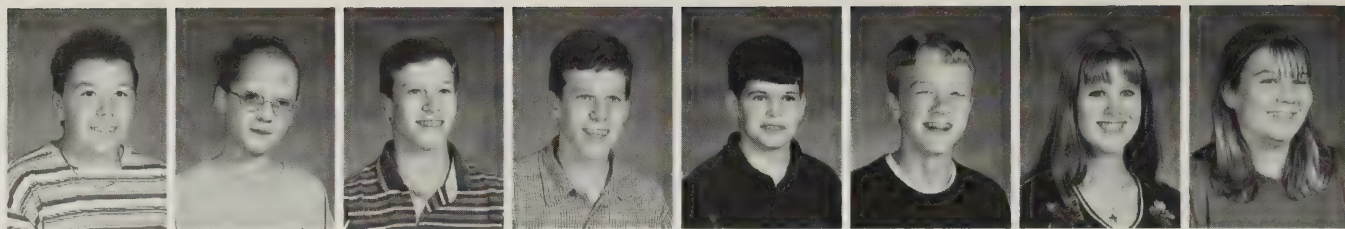
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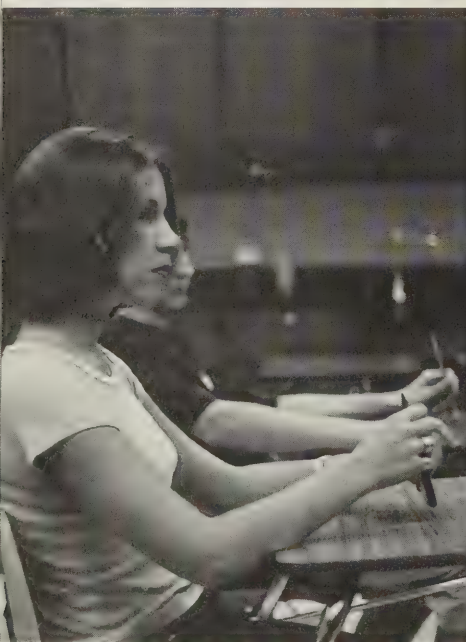
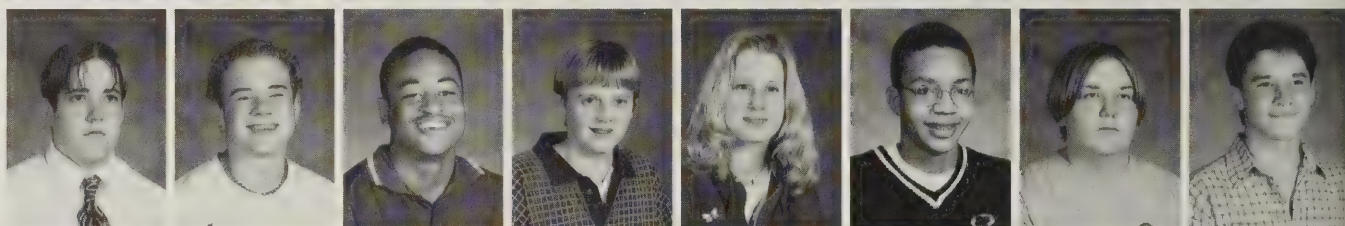
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Left: **Mesmerized by Science**  
*Alli Smith sits in Biology class listening to a lecture from Mr. Dayfield. Lectures during class time were the main focus for most teachers. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*

Right: **Love that P.E.** *Waiting for class to begin, Jetta Peterkin, Anna O' Malley, and Sarah Hann talk about the day's activities. Gym class was a great time for conversation as well as physical fitness for students. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*

Opposite Page Right: **Smile** *Jon Schremp grins in class as other students look on. Luckily, class time could also be enjoyable for students in most cases. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*



Krystal Woody  
Ali Wyne  
Katie Yinger  
Michael Young  
Robert Young  
Scott Zaloudek  
Brandon Zaluski





# Freshmen Rule!

## Atrocities of Freshman Year: Pure Fiction

It's the horror of all horrors! You've just entered high school, and you're a freshman! Contrary to popular belief, however, being a freshman really wasn't all that bad for most students. Some freshmen actually enjoyed their first year of high school.

Matt Parotte liked being a freshman because, "You feel more independent." Jennifer Polickoski, who was sitting behind him, chimed in with agreement, "There's a lot more freedom at the high school. The teachers don't force the rules as much."

Freshman year was not bad for the majority of students. Having older role models added to their positive learning environment as well. Tasha Monroe loved "Just seeing the seniors!"

The horrors of freshman year were absolutely a myth for most here at SHS. Seriously, would freshmen rather have stayed in middle school? The rewards of high school far out-weighed the temporary status of "freshman." *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*

**Above left: Let Me Think...** *Mandy Kitchens contemplates her answer on a quiz. Quizzes and tests could be really stressful for students.* *Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*

**Left: Go to Class!** *Matt Hopkins hurriedly opens his locker to get a book before second period. With so much traffic in the hallways, students were always in a rush to get to class on time.* *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*

### What do you like most about being a freshman?

"You know more people!"  
Vincent Secrist



"Having a song sung about you at the pep rally."  
Mary Catherine French

"If your locker is messed up, you can get out of work by saying you forgot about 'locker repair forms.'"  
Amber Mathur





# Class Rings

## *Holding the memories*

As the juniors started the new school year they felt a barrier being broken. They had now become upperclassmen and had risen to the higher end of the high school food chain. Perhaps the token of "the junior" is the class ring. It symbolizes the change from beginning high school to finishing high school. Katherine Thompson said, "After I got my ring I realized that high school is actually going to end."

Another association made with class rings are memories. "Just the memory of high school as a whole is held in your class ring," said Jamie Sullivan. Angela Feindt agreed that your ring represents memories when she said, "I hope that when I'm older I'll be able to look at my class ring and remember all of the great times I had at Stafford."

Whether it was the trademark of becoming an upper classman or the symbol of high school memories, the ring had an important purpose in the life of a student in high school. *Story by Steve Miller.*

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**Right: It's Beautiful!** David Janney admires his ring as it is introduced to him. Getting a class ring was very important to the junior guys. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

**Opposite Page Left: Thanks Buddy** Lauren Pcsolyar gets some much-needed assistance from Kristin Maddox with her ring. Class rings were a true symbol of an upper classman. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

**Opposite Page Right: The Perfect Fit** Jenean Spruill slides on Jenny Brooks's ring. It was nice for juniors when their ring fit the first time they put it on. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*



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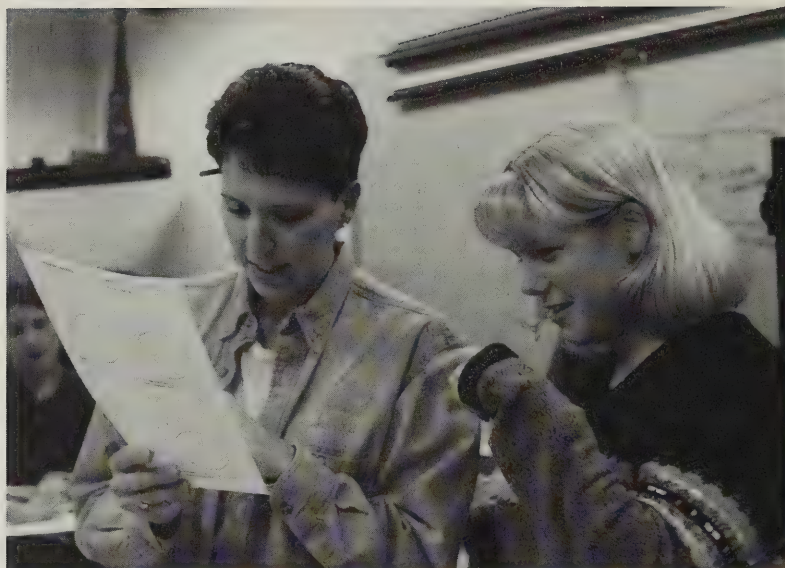
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Math, English, history, science...the dreaded academic subjects! Almost every student has had trouble with one of these subjects at some point in time. But thankfully, most of us made it through the rough points, such as writing that huge English research report or outlining those chapters in your history book.

Although the work was time-consuming, most students agreed that it was well-worth the effort. Laura Carruba said, "It took me all of Thanksgiving break to finish my website page for History, but I got an A on it, so I was happy!"

Adam Peck used his computer a lot for his assignments as well. Adam said, "I type out outlines for AP History on my computer constantly. Having a computer really makes it so much easier."

Having teachers who encouraged their students was a definite help in finishing the work and learning something from this work. Drew Anderson enjoyed one of his academic classes because of the teacher. "I like English a lot because of Ms. Schaller--she's a down teacher, and she makes class fun!"

All of the work a student had to do for their academic classes was made worthwhile when the teacher enjoyed teaching the students. These were the classes in which students learned the most, and would remember most in their later years of life. Teachers helped to shape students' lives, whether they or the students realized it or not. *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*



**Look at That** Gazing intently at a science-related article, Mrs. Russ and Brandy Sharp enjoy their class together. Classes were often enjoyable for students whose teachers were enthusiastic about the class they taught. *Photo by Britt Smith.*

**Research** Jerry Slack looks up information in the library for a report. A lot of teachers used the library resources in order to help their students learn different topics. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



# Academic

A close-up photograph of a student with dark hair, wearing safety goggles and a lab coat, carefully pouring liquid from a graduated cylinder into a test tube. The student is focused on the task. In the foreground, a white rack holding several test tubes is visible, slightly out of focus. The background is dark and blurred, suggesting a laboratory setting.

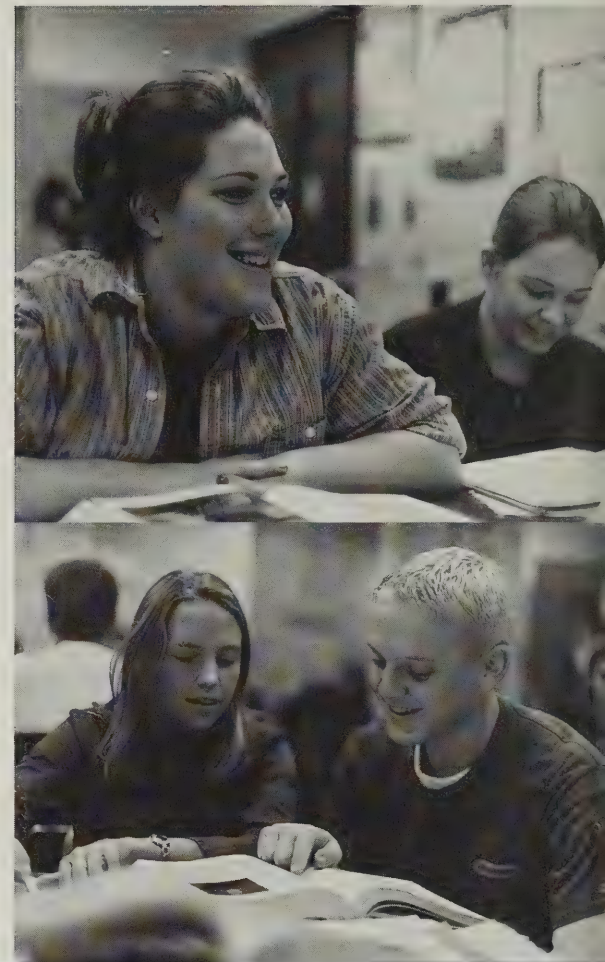
**Careful** Nicole VanScoder meticulously measures water into a test tube for a chemistry lab. Precise measurements were very important in order to earn a good grade on a chemistry lab.  
*Photo by Emily Dursa.*



# English

## *Students worked hard on term papers*

The English department was prepared this year to teach students like they never have before. The department received many new books to use in classrooms. Teachers such as Ms. Haywood and Mr. Andrews looked forward to helping students further their education. Mr. Andrews's Dual Enrollment English classes worked hard in many writing areas, particularly composition. Seniors in his class learned how to properly write essays and term papers. "Mr. Andrews's method of teaching has prepared me for the papers I'll have to write in college," said Amanda Zawora. Amanda was not the only student who felt this way. James Ripley commented, "DE English is an excellent class. It is teaching me a lot about myself and my abilities to write." English was an important class to take because students learned the importance of literature, sentence structure, and essay composition. It is also required that every student take English all four years of high school. Students who desired an even stronger challenge enrolled in Advanced Placement English. "I like A.P. English because we have lots of discussions. The class is really small, so we do not listen to a lot of teacher lectures," said Valerie Rodriguez. Lindsey Diebold commented, "It's cool 'cause there are only ten students, so everyone gets to be heard." Projects included analyzing The Scarlet Letter, by Nathaniel Hawthorne. A.P. Students wrote their term papers on this book. Jay Underwood summed up the year jokingly: "A.P. English was the best!" *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*



James Andrews



Bobbi Blalock



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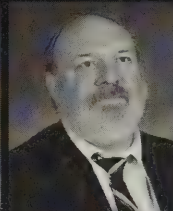
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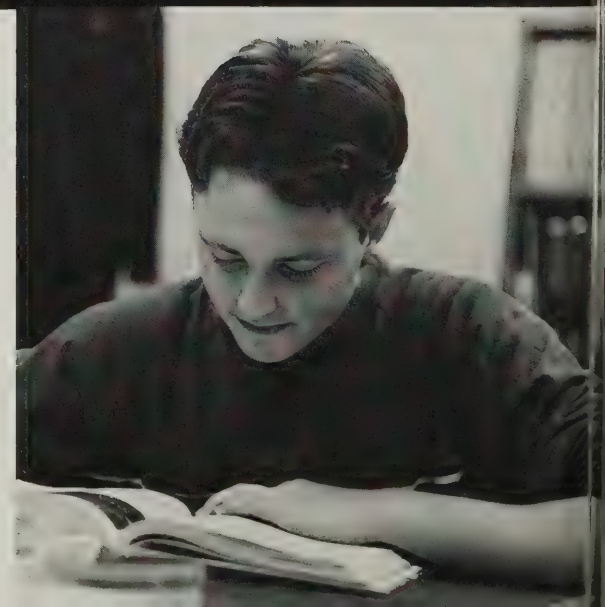


Joyce Schaller

Top Right: **Is That a Smile?** Although English class could be very challenging at times, teachers tried their best to make learning fun. Rebecca Graham enjoys listening to her teacher's lecture during class. Photo by Diana Price.

Middle Right: **Two Heads are Better than One** Working together, Ian Campbell and Lorrie Watts try to find background for their assignment. Group participation is often encouraged in the English department in order for students to work together. Photo by Diana Price.

Right: **It's all a part of English** David Janney quietly sits at his desk reading. Reading is a huge activity that all students accomplish in English classes to advance their vocabulary skills. Photo by Diana Price.







Above: **Time to be still** Raynard Fox silently completes his class assignment. Writing papers was a big job for English students to accomplish, yet teachers show how all papers can be done in a step-by-step procedure. Photo by Joanne Yednock.

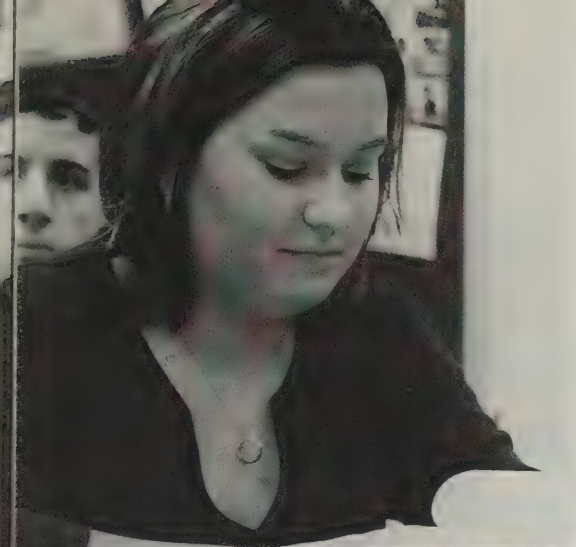
Left: **"I can't believe I am doing this!"** Juniors Justin Beck and Danny Labar perform a sock puppet skit in English class. "The project was fun even though a lot of people laughed at us," said Justin.

Photo by Meaghan Wilson.









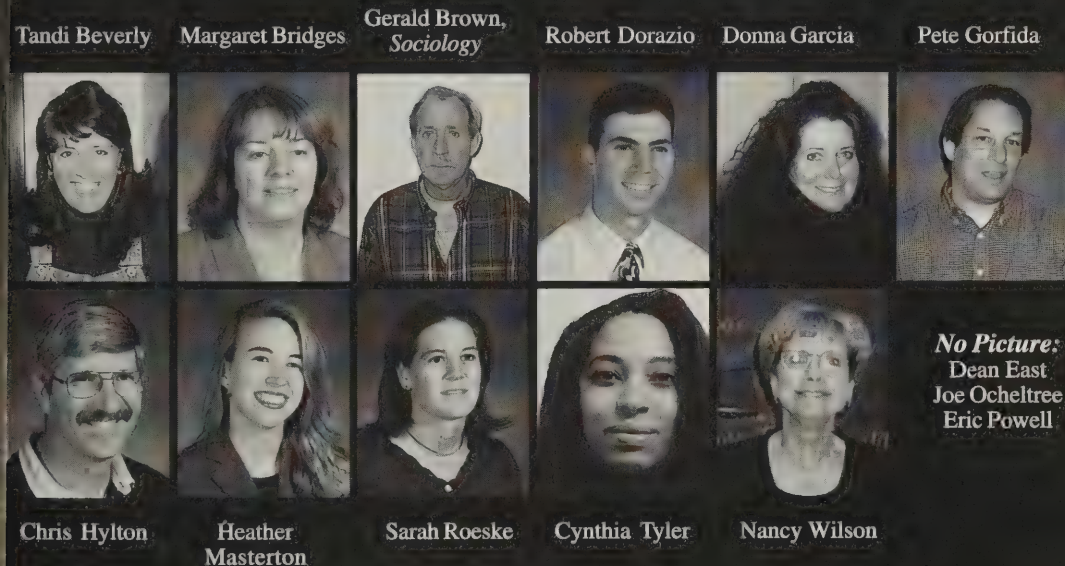
# History

*A blast from the past...*

What do the colonists, the Civil War, Mesopotamia, and the Constitution all have in common? They were all a part of the history program at Stafford High School. For students, history was required. But some of them enjoyed the experience. "History is a great way to look into our past and learn from it," said Ashley Roberson. Others, however, did not. "History is boring!" said Laurie Cooney. Even if they didn't like learning it, students agreed with Heather Akin when she said, "It's an easy A." Students also had the opportunity to challenge their minds in this area of academics by enrolling in AP History or Government. "It's a lot of busy work," said Ian Campbell, "but it's worth the college credit." Whether you liked history or not, students agreed that it was a valuable experience. *Story by Ashley Dameron.*

**Left Page: Listen Carefully!** Vikki Redding and Lori Wilcox pay close attention to the lecture being given in their government class. Students are required to take US and VA Government in order to graduate. *Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.*

**Left Page Insert: Copy These, Please** Kyle Gryzb takes down notes during his history class. For some, note taking wasn't fun, but for others it just made the class easier! *Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.*

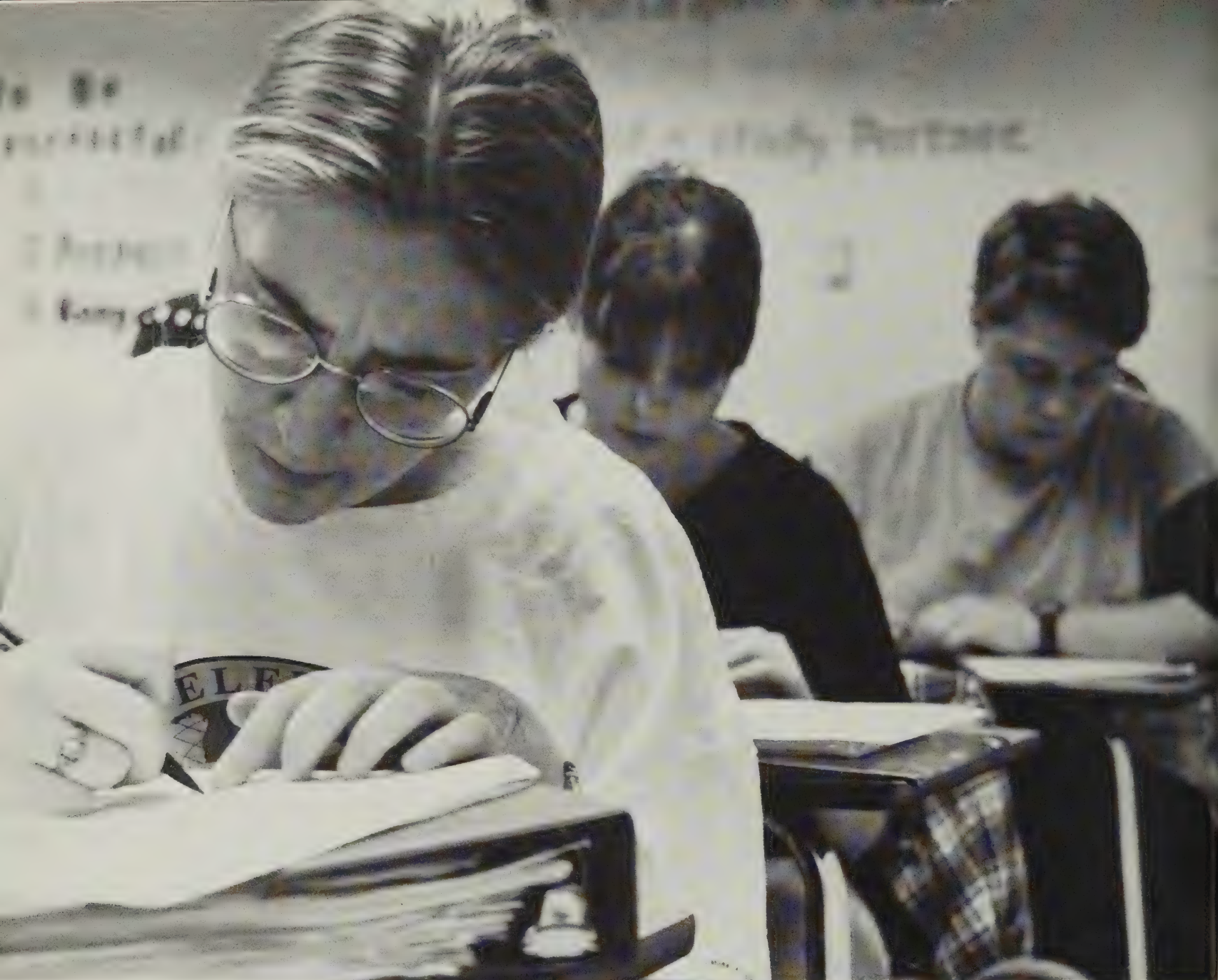


**Top Left: Turning the Pages of History** Katrina Lansdon follows along in her book while Robert Leatherland listens intently to the lecture. Students sometimes enjoyed history lectures; others would rather just read about it in a book. *Photo by Ashley Ludlow.*

**Middle Left: Going Back in Time** Eli Sarge dresses as an Amish man for extra credit for Mr. G. Brown's Amish Day. The sociology students took a field trip to a real Amish community; this is just one way that students at Stafford learned about their country. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*

**Left: Chattin' the Day Away** Lisa Marietta, Dana Logan, and Robert Leatherland discuss current events in their government class. Being in tune with local and world news was a big part of the government classes at Stafford. *Photo by Ashley Ludlow.*





Above: **Hmm... I Wonder if That's Right** Amy Bogardus and Jake Chambers work on a rather difficult math test. Many tests were given throughout the nine weeks, making already hard concepts even more stressful. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Right: **Everyone Here?** Mrs. Wick calls roll at the beginning of one of her class periods. Mrs. Wick was one of the many returning teachers to the math department this year. Photo by Sarah Bryant.







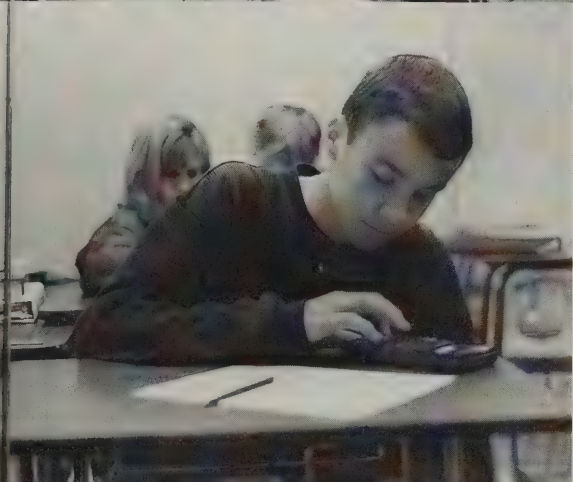
# MATH

## *Multiplication, Division ... where does it all end?!*

Math. A part of daily activities here at Stafford. This year math classes were viewed by many as another intriguing learning experience and, by a select few, as a pain. Senior Amanda Lee said, "I hate math, but unfortunately, I have to take it to graduate and get into college."

Other students ran into some luck when it came to taking math classes. Senior Valerie Rodriguez, who was a jump ahead of many of the other students, said of all of her high school years, "I took A.P. Calculus last year (my junior year), so I really couldn't take anything this year for math. It's really nice not to have to worry about a math class this year." Many students wished they could be done and over with math this year, but it seemed like in many subjects, like Physics and Chemistry, if you weren't good in math, your grade would reflect it.

Senior Blair Parsons said, "I want to be a computer programmer, so being good in math really comes in handy." Either way, math classes were required for pretty much all of the students, and in the words of Jeff Cooper, "we just learned to deal with it." *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*

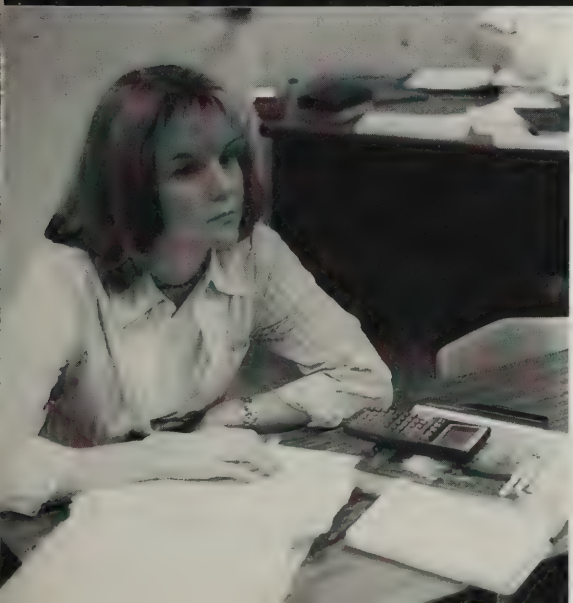


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**Top Leftt: ...And Then You Do This** Mr. Kozowski, a new math teacher this year, shows Eboni Matthewson the correct answer to a problem. Teachers were willing to help all their students with any problems they might have had. *Photo by Britt Smith.*

**Middle Leftt: Calculate That** Billy Hollenbach calculates an answer on his calculator in math class. Calculators came in quite handy on many hard math tests this year. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*

**Leftt: Yeah, I'm Having a Great Time** Junior Kristie Bryant looks excited to be in math class as she works on her assignment. Class work was a vital part of a good grade in all classes. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*





Above: **112-1 Would Ya Look At That** AP Chemistry students Derek Salerno, Megan Hewitt, and Blair Lawrence watch their experiment carefully. The students in AP Chemistry had a whole separate period for lab experiments. Photo by Emily Dursa.

Right: **Just a Little Bit to the Left** Robin Copeland adjusts the slide in a microscope. When teaching about microscopic organisms, science teachers frequently had slides of those organisms for examples. Photo by Britt Smith.







# Science

## *Evolution, Baby!*

"If you've ever asked the question 'why?' then technically you are a scientist," Mrs. Russ said. As a biology teacher at Stafford High School, Mrs. Russ has taught many students and has seen them continue on into a more advanced level of science. There are so many different levels of science such as Earth Science, Biology, Human Physiology, Marine Science, and Chemistry. Whether you actually want to admit it or not, the knowledge of science is useful.

Everyone has asked the repeated question, "When are we ever gonna use this in life?" The teacher may not always have the answer, yet Mr. Neatrour said, "Knowledge of science will help you to avoid being swept away by a tornado!"

"With Science you can actually relate things in life to it," Jenni Witten said. Not everyone liked science but if you ask Jenni, "SCIENCE IS COOL!" *Story by Megan French*

Roger Brown,  
Chemistry

Carolyn Childress,  
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Robert Dayfield,  
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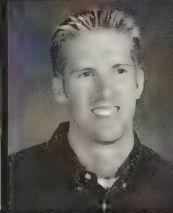
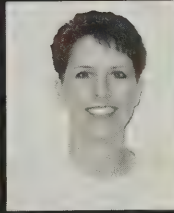
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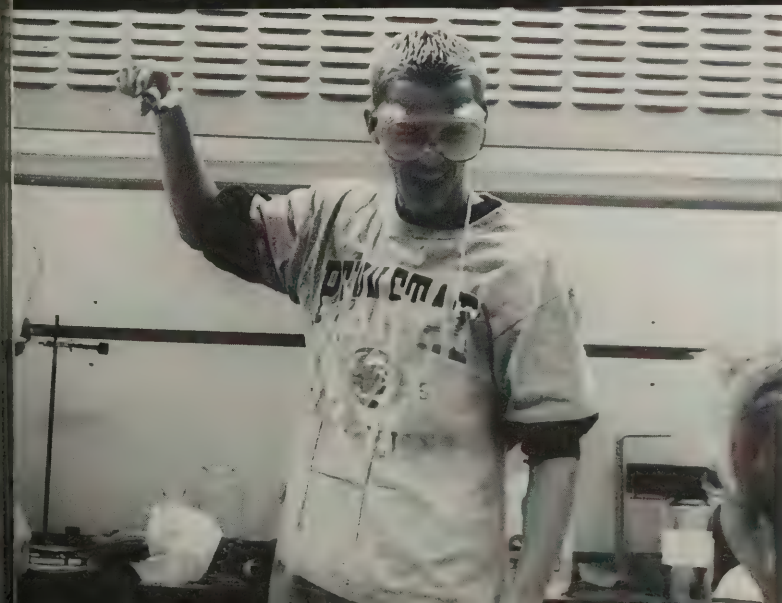
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Earth Science

Felicia Russ,  
Biology

Matthew Schrader,  
Physics



**Left: Eww Gross!!!** Matt Blose just pulled a sheep's eye out of a bucket in Mrs. Dennis's chemistry class. Mrs. Dennis's classes were always doing "hands on" activities. *Photo by Ellen Ahern.*

**Top Left: Concentration is the Key** Blair Lawrence carefully measures the amount of water going into a flask. When doing a lab experiment, students had to measure things exactly in order to get the outcome. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



# Art & Drama

## *Bringing the fine into fine arts*

While most students focus on required courses such as math, science, and history, there were those who felt the need for a more "artistic" path. Both Stafford's drama and art courses truly gave each student an opportunity to express themselves creatively and also to be open-minded. Tim Martin, who was enrolled in Advanced Drama said, "The main motivation in class is that we are always busy with one project or another. Whether it was a competition play or an in-house play, we're always busy to keep the creative process moving." As it was in drama, art classes had an open atmosphere that also allowed the students to explore their many talents. Carin Stoelker said, "Now that we have a small class and spend longer periods on our projects, I feel like I am more able to challenge myself creatively."

Students were carefully prepared for their future by learning all of the necessary skills. In the beginning students started off with the basics, and as they progressed to another level, their skills became more advanced. Peter Whitford said, "Mrs. Sigler has taught me a lot, but I'm always running off to hang out with Robyn Good and Steve Miller; they rock!" When it came to drama, Mr. Clark gave his students the right perspective. Rebecca Graham said, "The greatest thing about drama in Stafford is our reputation and our director's unexpected style." Because Mr. Clark allows his students to express themselves, they really enjoy his teaching style. Whether if it was art or drama, being in creative classes gave a much needed open and relaxed feeling to the busy and hectic school day. *Story by Robyn P. Good.*

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*Drama*



Mark Hughes,  
*Art*



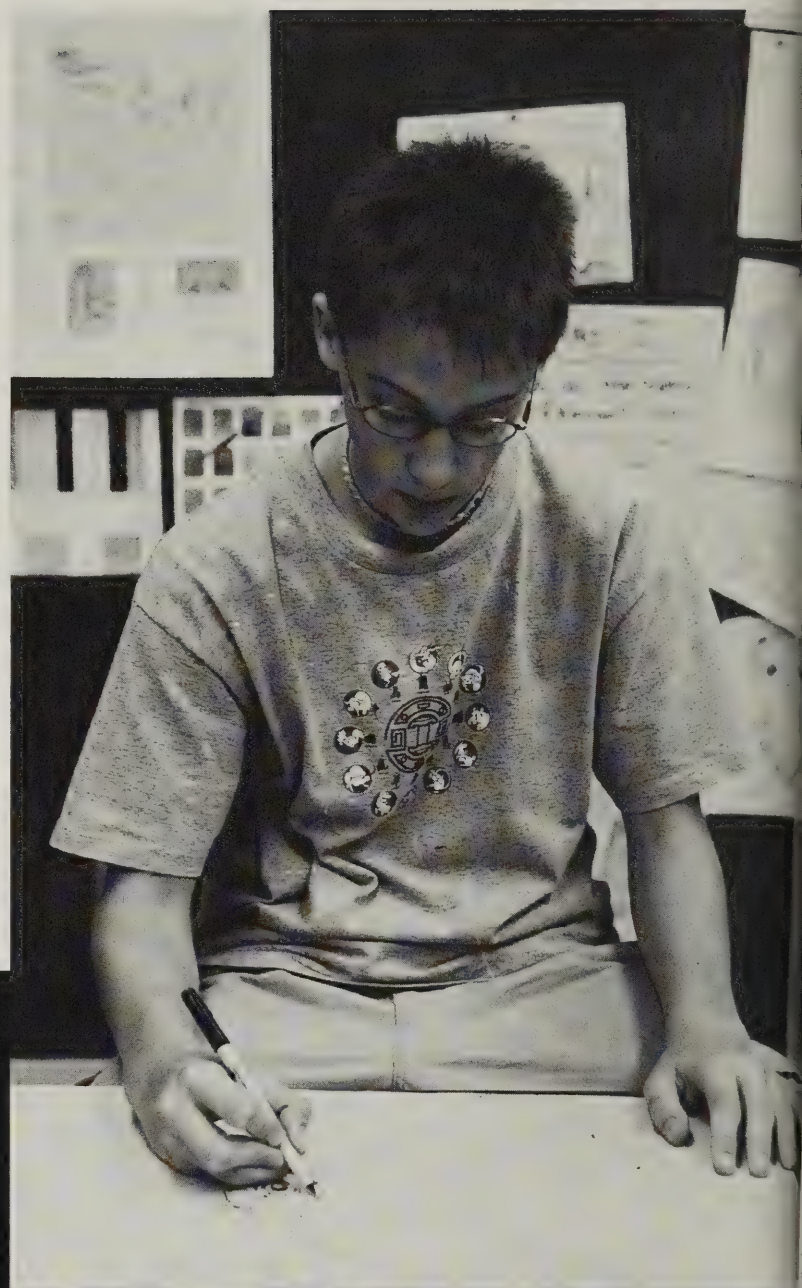
Sharon Null, *Art*



Rachel Sigler,  
*Art*



Marc Williams,  
*Drama*



Above Right: **Art Smart** *Drawing contour lines in Art 2 is the basis of all future projects.* Photo by Meagan Hewitt.

Right: **Building the Future** *Making an abstract structure out of simple styrofoam, Bri Bevan is sure not to move anything out of place.* Photo by Lesley Wall.







**Above : Role Models** Posing for a "picture," Rebekah Smart is the subject for Kathy Gardner's composition. Photo by Mr. Hughes.

**Above Left: Contortion and Chaos** Taking a most interesting pose, the cast of "Our Nation at Risk," made up of the advanced drama class, proves their immense capabilities. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Left: Messy, Messy, Messy!** Jeremy Cruz looks closely at his work. Sculpting anything out of clay takes a lot of concentration. Photo by Lesley Wall.



# Band

## *Playing the music*

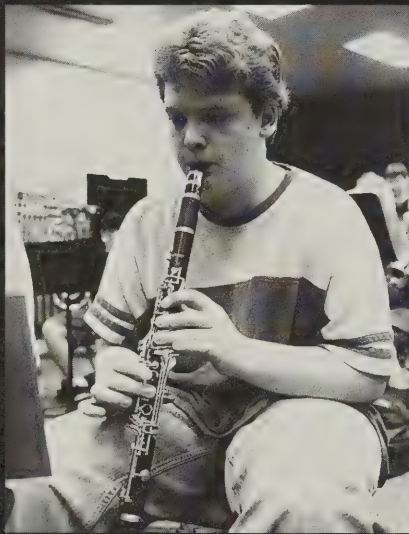
They played at the pep rallies, they played at the football games, and they even gave us a show at the winter assembly.

The band had many divisions to it. There was the marching band which played at pep rallies and football games, the concert and symphonic bands which played at the winter assembly, and there was the jazz band which also played at the winter assembly. The different bands all worked hard to perform at their events throughout the year. Jeff Garretson said in reference to the marching band, "I enjoy playing in marching band because I like the idea of being the center of attention." In symphonic band, the students played at out-of-town competitions rather than at school events. Brandt Adams, who is in symphonic band, said, "It's fun traveling to a larger city for different competitions." The third branch of the band is jazz band. Jazz band is a little different from the other two. For instance, the jazz band features instruments such as the guitar, the bass, and a traditional drum set. Raymond Reneult, the drummer for the jazz band, said, "Jazz band is a good time. It's definitely one of my better classes during the day."

It seemed that no matter what division of the band it was, they all had a good time. *Story by Steve Miller.*



Kenneth Hite,  
Band



Above: **Carrying a Note** Dan Cozzati plays the clarinet during his band period. The band students made good use of their time during class. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

Right: **Making Some Noise** Josh Farrar plays the tuba, the largest instrument. Students had a good time during band. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*







Above: **Tooting Her Horn** Ashley Howard plays the french horn at band practice. The students went through this routine on a daily basis. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Above Insert: **Getting a Lesson.** Morgan Marshal and Jennifer Ozura get their lesson from Mr. Hite. The band kids always appreciated the tutelage of the instructor. Photo by Rebecca Graham.

Left: **Hitting a High Note** Kelly Powers plays her flute and enjoys herself at band. The band students always concentrated hard on their work. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





# Work in Progress

## Whistle While We Work

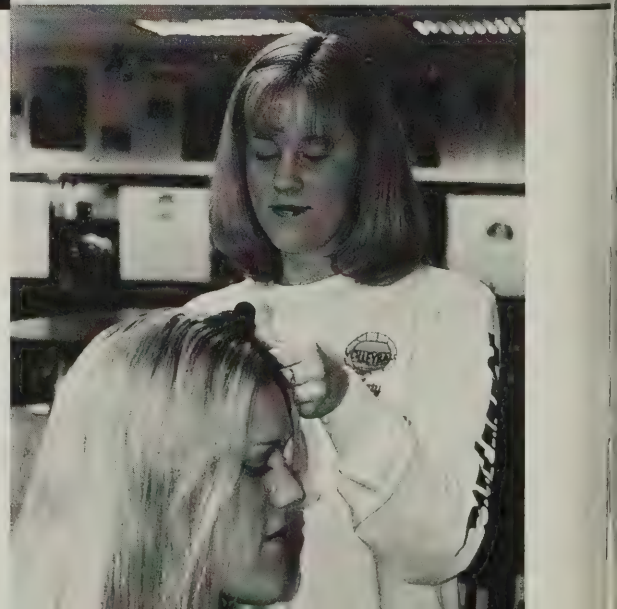
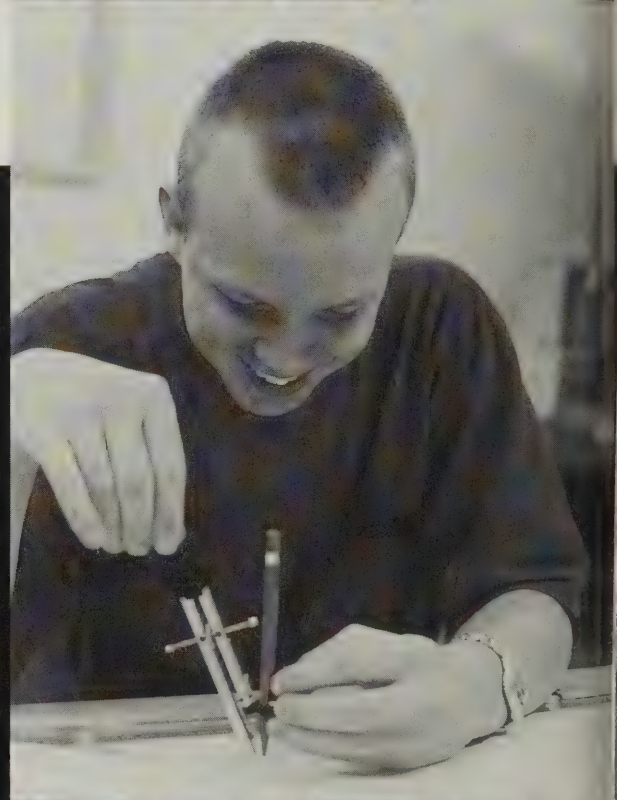
While many may take P.E., Sports Medicine, or Home Economics as an elective course, others chose such things as Carpentry, Masonry, Electricity, Cosmetology, Automechanics, and Drafting. Such courses as these enabled students to broaden their knowledge of real life occupations. "I enjoy working on vehicles, especially trucks," said Jeff Swidrak, "and the automechanics course gives me the chance to have a variety and learn more about something that I enjoy doing." Cosmetology also provides a learning experience to students, and even gives them the chance to have booked appointments for events such as Prom and Homecoming, for which they are able to work on new hair styles and makeup trends. "Cosmetology lets me play with hairstyles on myself and others, and it's a real learning experience because I learn what type of makeup colors look best on me," said Katie Clore.

Drafting, Masonry, Electricity, and Carpentry had one set goal during the year, and that was to build a house. They were able to apply the skills learned in the classroom to the house being built. "The guys worked really hard, and their intelligent minds were able to get the job done so that the finished product was one with durability and quality," said their teacher Ron Beverly. *Story by Laurie Mathias.*

Opposite Page: **Paint Away! Neb Bocco works on his project in Mr. Terry Wilson's Carpentry class.**

Photo by Heather Akin.

Opposite Page Insert: **It Looks Straight to Me** In drafting, students learn how the structure of buildings are made and create their own as well. "The class is a lot fun, although it can get a little frustrating at times," said Delwyn Harvey. Photo by Heather Akin.



Pat Allen,  
Food Occ.



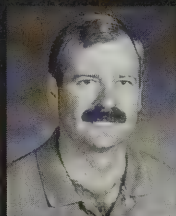
Ronald Beverly,  
Masonry



Lisa Brasch,  
Cosmetology



Mark Brunson,  
CTE Coordinator



John Prowett,  
Auto Mech.



Pinney Shelton,  
Work and Family Life



Todd Welker



Bobby Jett,  
Drafting

### No Picture:

Lisa Gibson, Cosmetology  
Greta Haggerty, Nursing  
Richard Hall, Auto Mech.  
Vic Long, Communications  
Bill Thornton, Electricity  
Terance Wilson, Carpentry

Top Right: **It's A Brick House** Chad Jordan is hard at work mixing mortar in Mr. Ron Beverly's Masonry class. Photo by Heather Akin.

Middle Right: **A Perfect Radius** Justin Gilden understands that everything has to be symmetrical when designing buildings. Photo by Heather Akin.

Right: **Just Adding a Little Curl** Katie Clore practices her new styles on Kim Titus during their Cosmetology class. Photo by Heather Akin.









**Above: How fast can you go?**  
*Stephanie Vukovich gets confused as she tries to bring up her typed words per minute. Keyboarding was a business class that students took in order to learn how to type faster. Photo by Joanne Yednock.*

**Right: Taking care of Business**  
*While concentrating hard, Joey Chamberlain tries to catch up to the rest of the class. Some students could type naturally, while others had to strive hard in order to excel. Photo by Joanne Yednock.*





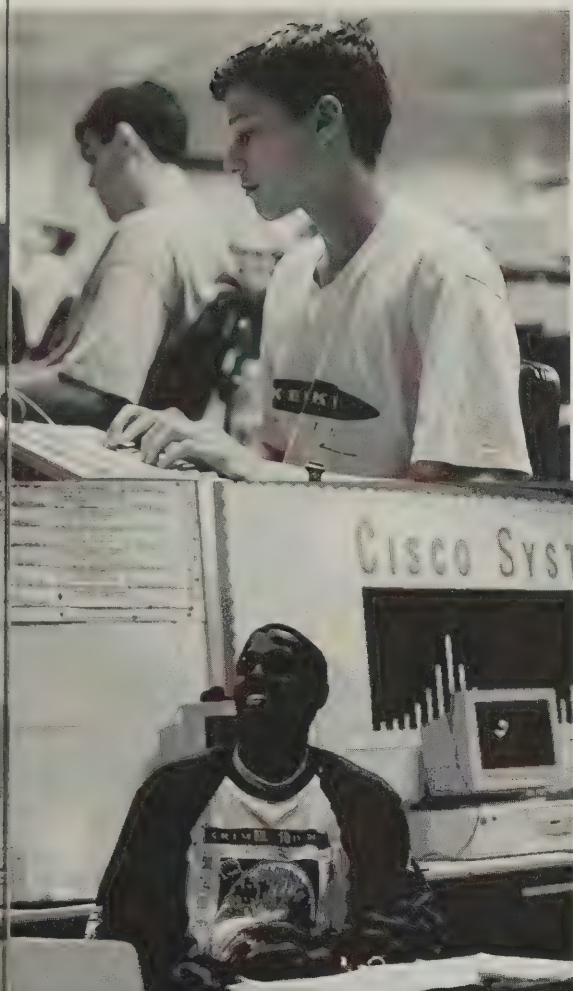
# Future Leaders

## *Students in clubs learn the importance of the future*

The business department worked hard in order to prepare students for future careers. Clubs such as Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) put forth a lot of effort this year to learn about life outside of high school. Students were involved in learning the influence of business on today's society. Members participated in the clubs' events by fund-raising for the needy, competing in district, regional, and state competitions, and taking many fun-filled field trips to fascinating places.

"DECA is not just about competition; it's about hanging out with new and old friends," said Lisa Woods, DECA's reporter. Other officers included Andy McCartney, president; Jennifer Drury and James Showers, co-vice-presidents; Carrie Loving, secretary; Allyson Rose, treasurer; Kamilah Kittrell, historian; and Joe Stancey, class representative. These students worked hard to reach their goals. They sold a lot of candy in the fall to raise money for their field trip to Belvedere Plantation and Sports Garden. Ryan Warren said, "DECA has a lot of things where you can get free food!" A main project was collecting Christmas money from everyone at Stafford to go towards a needy family for Christmas. The Adopt-a-Family program was a huge success and made DECA members proud.

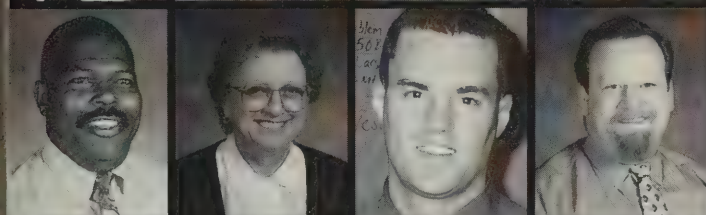
Ryan Fines is the president of FBLA. Fellow officers are Mike Danzi, vice-president; Karrie Hall, secretary; Lynette Evans, treasurer; Gia Bailey, parliamentarian and reporter; and Kamilah Kittrell, historian. FBLA began with their first meeting in the fall. Students were able to miss their first and second period classes. Jamie Powers said, "Being involved in FBLA helps me prepare for my future career in business." Treasurer Lynette felt, "I like being an officer. It is a good experience and a great advantage when applying to colleges." FBLA members took a field trip to New York this year to visit Wall Street. The members had a great time and looked forward to next year's trip. FBLA and DECA have the highest number of students who are involved in business-related activities. Many students prepared for their futures in business while others just enjoyed being a part of the clubs. Steven Love said in response to his involvement with FBLA, "I'm just in it." *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*



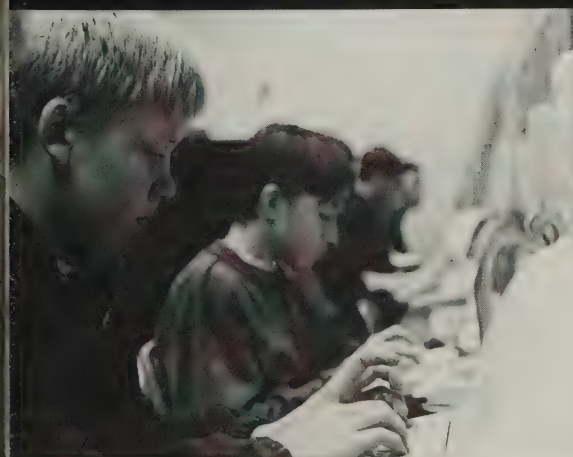
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Marvin Baker  
Elizabeth Dixon  
Mary McCauley



Wayne Parker    Lois Simms,  
Marketing Education    David Sweazey    Fargo Wells,  
Marketing Education



Above Left: **Minding his Own Business** Gerald Trembley works hard on his programs. In Computer Information Systems, students learned how to create their own software programs for future purposes. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*

Middle Left: **Fun Class?** Chris Kay has fun in his business class. Some students who thought that a business class meant easy work were surprised. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*

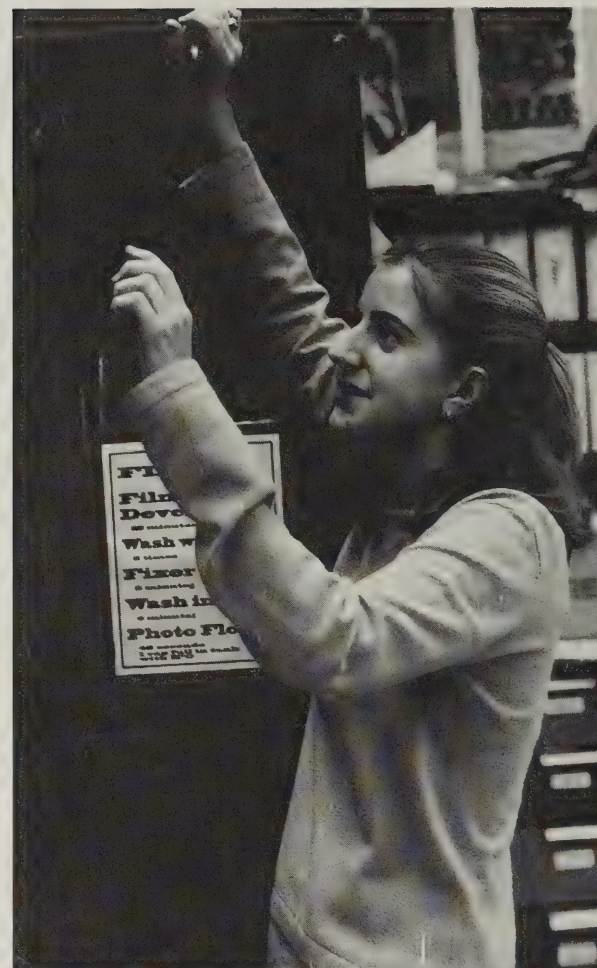
Left: **Smart Freshmen!** Students like Eddie Rossi took Keyboarding Applications as freshmen. This way they could type faster for future English papers that students have to write all through high school. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*



# Yearbook, Newspaper and Broadcasting

*Creativity runs rampant...*

Years from now, students who graduated from Stafford will look back into their yearbooks, play their video yearbooks, and leaf through old copies of *The Smoke Signal*. It is only then that they will appreciate the hard work that went into making the memories. Students who joined the yearbook staff, video productions, and the newspaper, worked hard all year long. "We had deadlines every week," said Mollee Anzivino, an editor of the yearbook. This meant that all the students either had a story due, pictures to develop, or events to capture on film by Friday. Was it hectic? "Yes," says Meaghan Wilson. "I had to go all the way to Albemarle, Virginia to tape the Cross Country teams." The video productions students weren't the only ones putting in the extra hours. "I've had to have the whole newspaper staff at my house on some Sundays so we could finish *The Smoke Signal*," said Krista Eck. It wasn't just all work and no play though. "Photojournalism is my favorite class. I get to learn new things about photography, and I get to socialize!" said Ashley Ludlow. However, the hard work paid off, and the final products were fabulous! *Story by Ashley Dameron.*

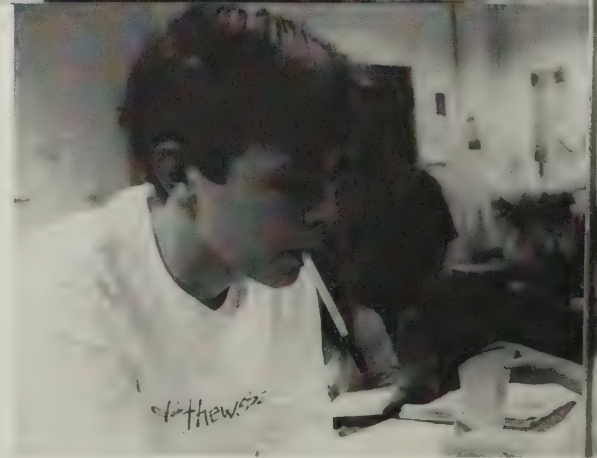


Above: **That Sounds Good!** Emily Dursa helps proofread Laurie Mathias's story for the yearbook. The writers of the yearbook worked hard to meet their deadlines each week so that the yearbook could come out in time. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.

Top Right: **That's the One!** Augusta Kuchinski looks for the right negative to develop. The photographers on the yearbook staff developed their own film for the yearbook. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.

Middle Right: **It's Like That** Laura Baker edits Lauren Kirby's article for *The Smoke Signal*. The newspaper staff produced a newspaper every month. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

Right: **Concentration!** Kevin Louder chews on a pen while he corrects his article for the newspaper. Each staff member was responsible for his/her own articles, pictures, etc. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.







Above: **Video Edit** Matt Montero edits his footage for the Christmas video program. The Broadcasting crew put together a great program for the holidays; it was shown in every classroom in the school (as long as the teacher said it was okay, of course!). Photo by Ashley Ludlow.



Left: **Let's Talk About This** Newspaper staff members Krista Eck, Melissa Love, Andrea Varga, and Erin Hughes get together with their sponsor, Mrs. Gill, for a quick meeting before the newspapers are passed out. The Smoke Signal was distributed to each first period class by a staff member. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.





Above: **Piece of Cake** Lifting the weights with ease, Jack Richardson warms up for some serious weight training. Many students at S.H.S. worked out to improve strength. Photo by Amanda Summers.

Right: **Have to Be Perfect** Mike Carter lines up the birdie to send over the net. In many sports in P.E., precision was key in playing well. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.





# Driver's Ed., P.E., and Health

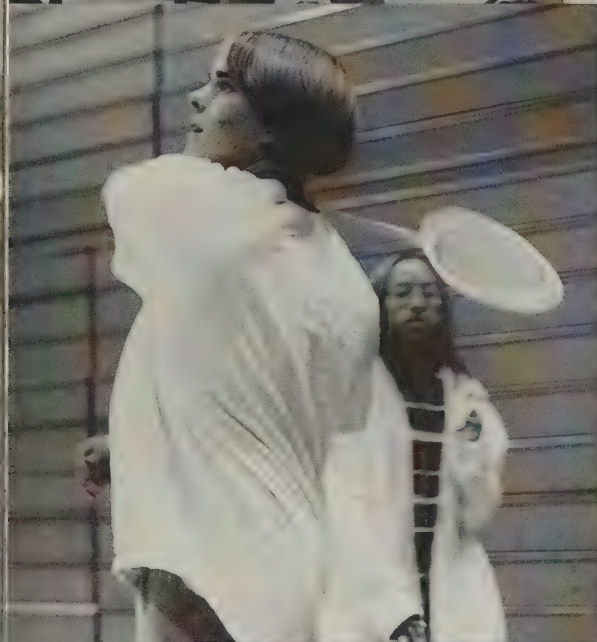
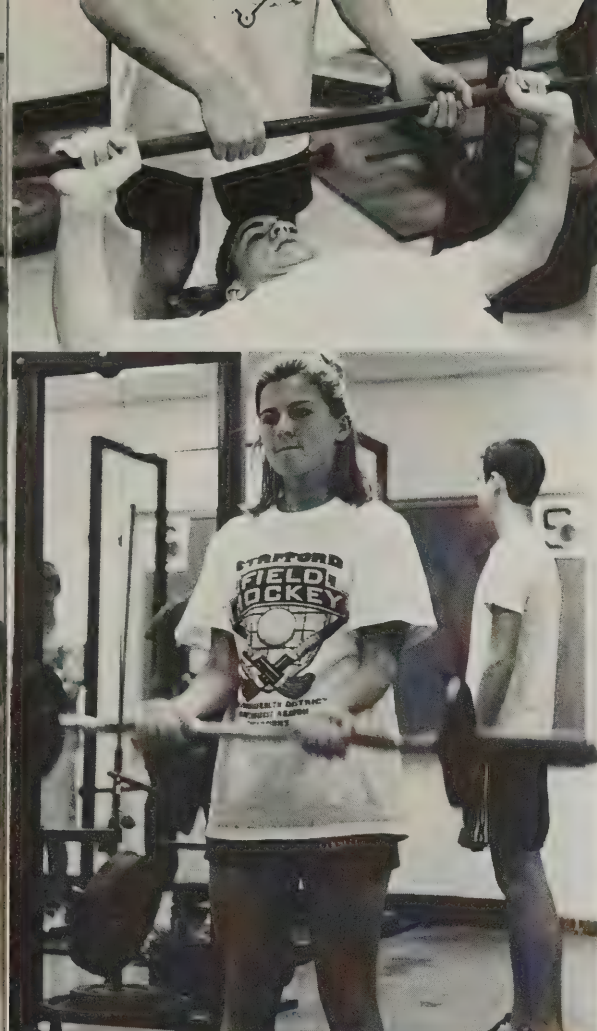
## *The Good With the Bad*

Although there were many conflicting views on the subject of physical education and its related activities, students enjoyed many of the benefits of these classes.

Many people gained knowledge through these classes, such as Rebekah Smart, who said, "Phys. Ed. taught me some valuable lessons, like 'follow the rules,' and 'don't hit anyone unless it's part of the game, and you have to.'" These were lessons people could use throughout their lives.

Other students enjoyed the opportunities these activities offered. "It's cool that you can take a class about driving in school, because then you are also able to take your driver's test in school with people you know, and it's a lot less costly," explained Chelsea Garfield.

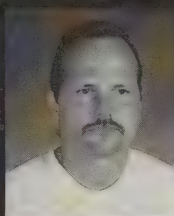
Some aspects of these classes were not always pleasant. Chris Cwiak cried, "Dressing out is just NOT fun;" however, the good in these activities usually outweighed the hardships. In life, people always had to take the good with the bad, and these classes were what showed us both sides of the picture in life. *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*



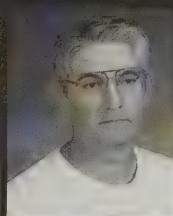
Janet Baggett



Roger Pierce



Dale Portner



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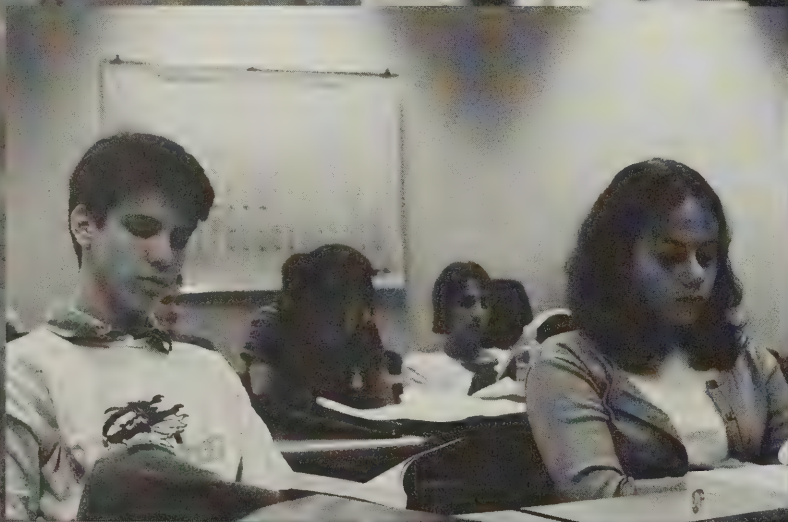
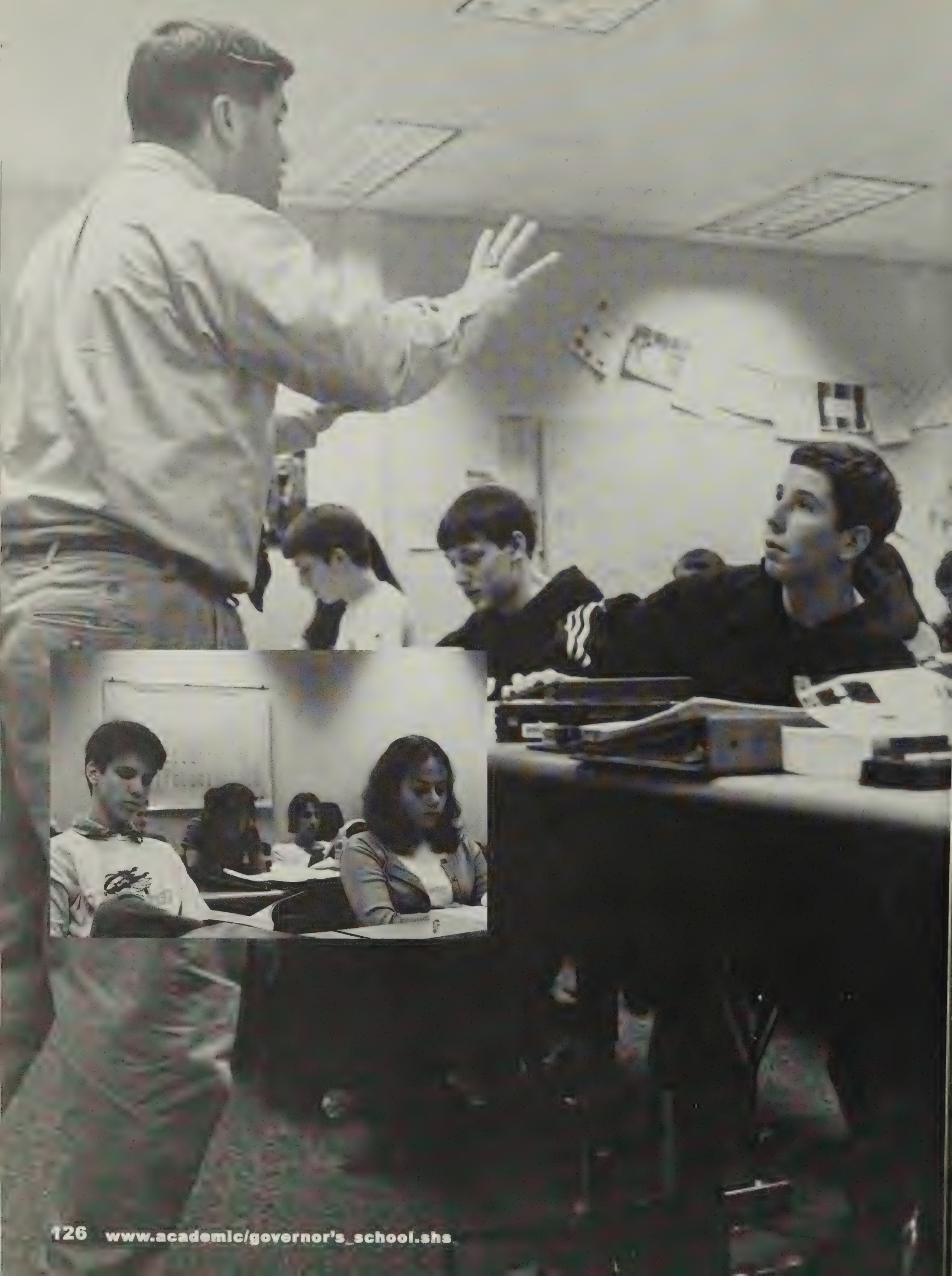
**Top Left: Just a Little Further...** Jeff Swidrak pushes himself to the max in order to raise the weights. Weight training built strength, which helped athletes immensely in their sports seasons. *Photo by Amanda Summers.*

**Middle Left: I'm So Buff** Bobbi Decatur weight trains to prepare for her sports seasons. Many top athletes at S.H.S. weight trained to improve muscle definition and give them more strength to play. *Photo by Amanda Summers.*

**Bottom Left: I Got It!** Robby Dickinson prepares to swat the birdie in a lively game of badminton. Badminton was a popular activity among students in gym class. *Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*

**Left: Hit It Back!** Anxiously waiting for her partner to hit back the birdie, Lindsay Jones stands ready for action. Gym class could be very exciting for most students. *Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*









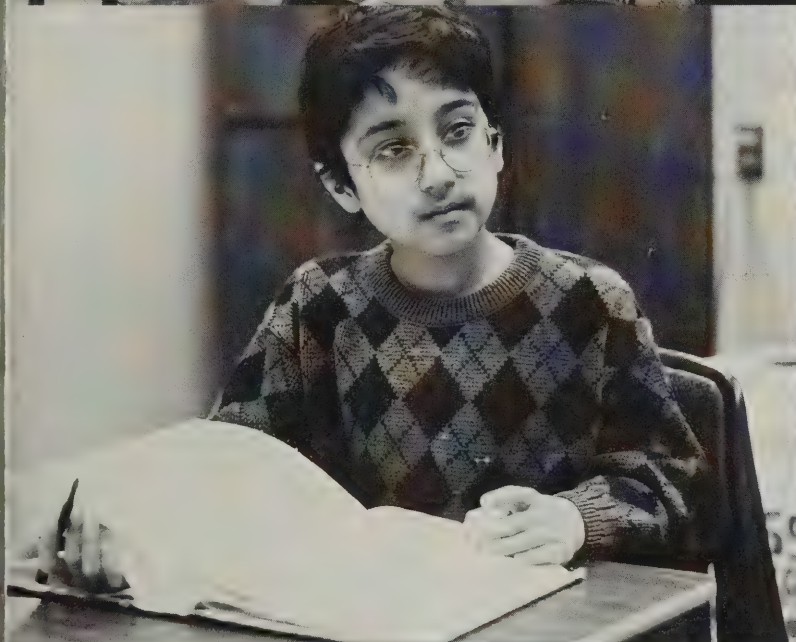
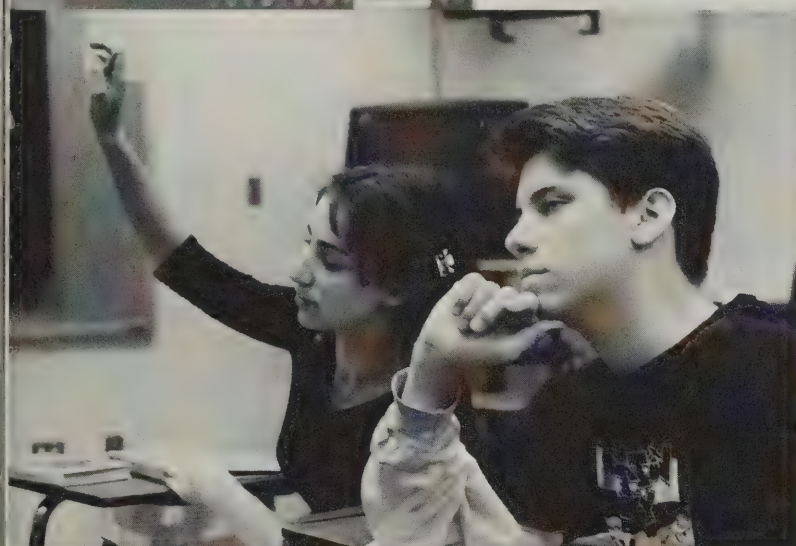
Opposite Page: **Stay on Task!** The peppy Mr. Agnew keeps Andy Caruso and his other Government students on top of their social studies class. Most all students agreed that anyone would have to try pretty hard to fall asleep in his class. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Opposite Page Insert: **Fun** Tracey Lipscomb enjoys her time in class in Governor's School. The Governor's School kids put in a lot of hard work this year. Photo by Britt Smith.

# Governor's School

## *Is there ever time to eat or sleep?*

Finding time to do homework, play sports, attend club meetings, work, eat, and sleep is hard enough for a lot of kids, but for the Governor's school kids, finding time to do daily activities is harder than it is for the rest of us. Along with their separation from the rest of Stafford for half of the school day down in the vocational hallway, the kids also have to endure long hours of homework from the numerous A.P. classes which they are required to take. Junior Ashleigh Covington said, "It's really hard. I'm always doing homework." Other students felt it wasn't as bad as everyone on the outside assumed. Mary McDougal said, "As long as you're organized, you'll do just fine." Junior Erica Vos put it simply when she exclaimed, "Since we didn't have heat last year, I'm just happy to have the heat back!" Story by Stephanie Heffernan.



Jennifer Johnson, *Science* Patricia Leitch, *Math*



**No Picture:**

John Agnew, *Social Studies*

Brenda Monn, *Math*



Winona Siegmund, *English*



Top Left: **Pay Attention** Dan Cozotti stays attentive during a class lecture. Staying "awake" in class was a vital part of a good grade. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

Above Left: **Ponder that Thought** Ashley Belyea raises her hand to ask a question. Many teachers admit that they love to see students participate more in class. Photo by Britt Smith.

Middle Left: **Kid Wonder** 10 year-old Ali Wyne notes a change in his BC Calculus agenda. Ali, though only 10, was a certified freshman at SHS this year. Photo by Sarah Bryant.

Left: **And the Answer Is...** Freshman Andy Caruso pages through his notes to find the answer to a rather difficult question. Notes came in handy in times like these. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



# Orchestra & Chorus

## *Sounds good to me!*

They sing, play, compete, and still have fun! Jeff Garretson told us, "Band is fun! We work hard most of the time, and the trips we take are always fun!" The Stafford High School band has competed in many different competitions and won various awards, but we can't forget about the orchestra.

Just like the band, the orchestra worked hard. Having classes first thing in the morning can have an affect on your performance. Still, they did have things to look forward to. As Samantha Marten said, "It's first thing in the morning and we're really not awake yet, but we do get to go to the Kennedy Center!"

Band, orchestra, and chorus members learned that no matter what you're doing, you always have to work together as a group. "Chorus is fun. When everyone sings together we sound great; but the when only half of the class sings, we sound like an elementary class," Charlene Smith said. The band, orchestra and chorus were all equally great and all helped add just a little music to our school. *Story by Megan French.*



Dave Marshall,  
*Orchestra*



Susan Thompson,  
*Chorus*

**Above Right: Deep Concentration**  
Jeff Adcock and Samantha Marten stay in deep concentration while practicing the violin. Trying to succeed with their violin skills, they would practice as hard as they could.

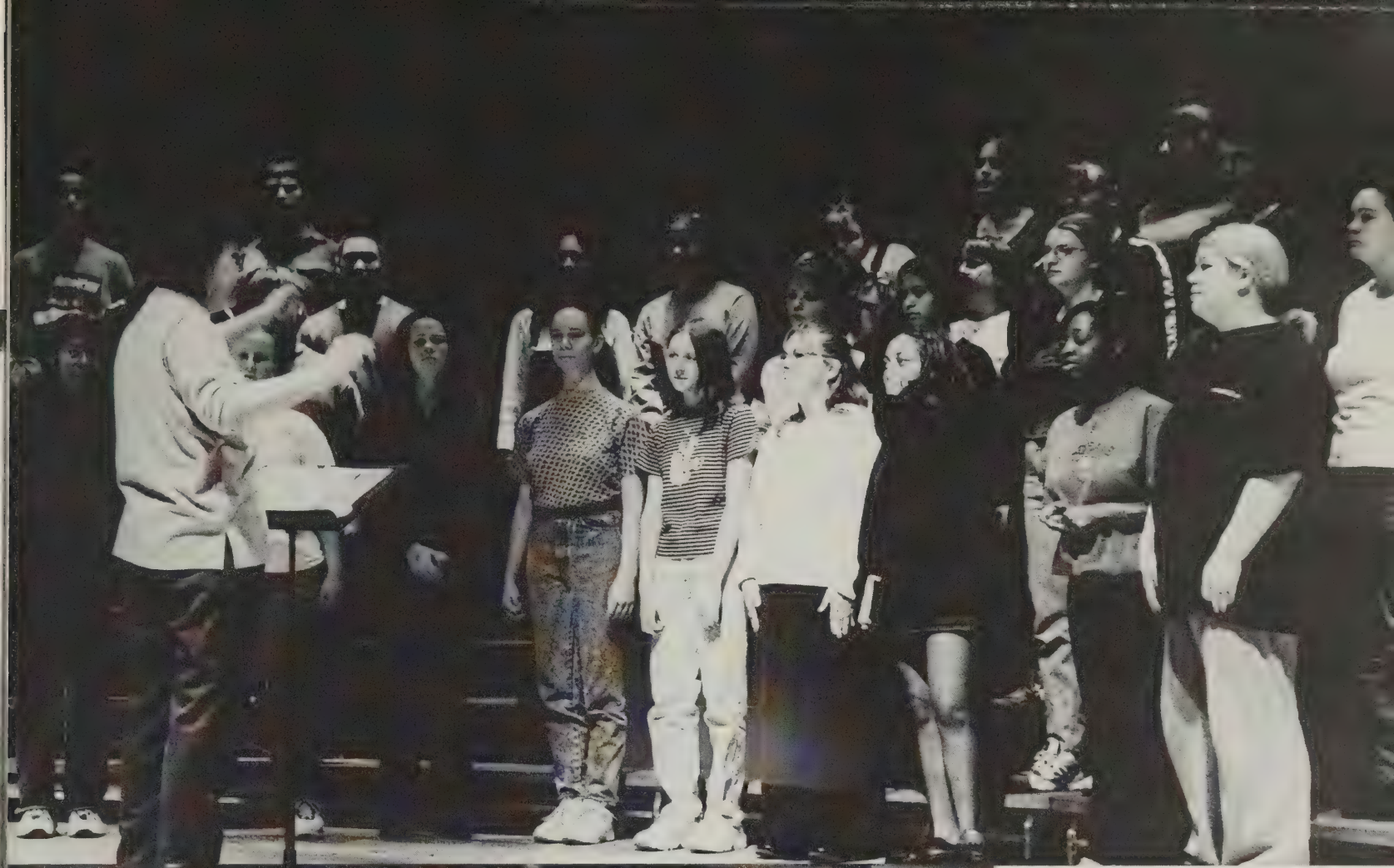
*Photo by Lindsay Hession.*

**Right: Do Re Mi Fa Sol La Ti Do**  
Chris Harris and Charlene Smith warm up their voices during their first period chorus class. The chorus students had to practice their singing, not only in class, but also at home in order to improve their voices. *Photo by Lindsay Hession.*

*Hession.*







**Above: Inflection and Projection**  
*Ms. Thompson tries to explain to her chorus students that while singing, they need to project their words toward their audience so that they can get the full affect of their talented voices. Photo by Jeff Garretson.*



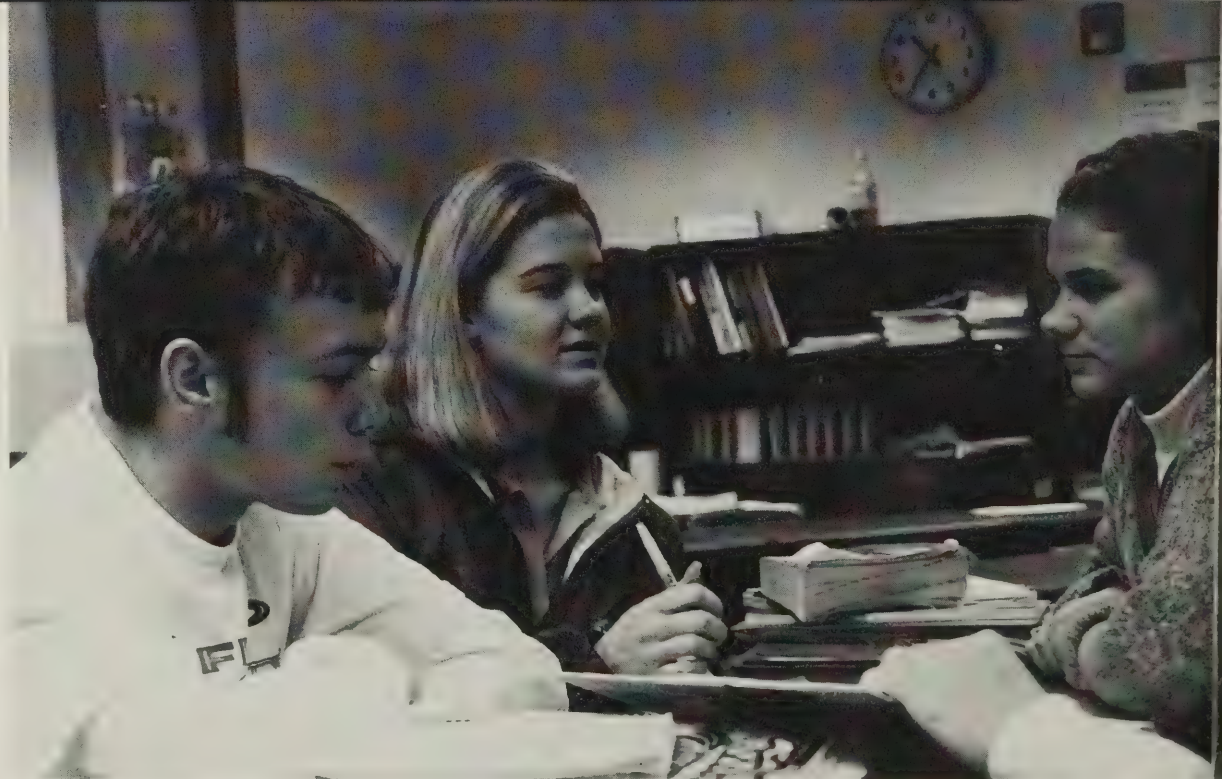
**Left: Practice Makes Perfect**  
*Lisa Vital and Justin Chambers practice playing the violin. Students who played instruments in the school's orchestra had to practice every day in order to improve their skills. Photo by Lindsay Hession.*





Above: **Listening Attentively!** Nicole Greer takes notes as she listens to her teacher fill her with knowledge. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Right: **Good Idea!** Justin Beck looks on with his group, Lindsay Eames and Amanda Johnson, as the three plan how they will do their class assignment. Photo by Lesley Wall.

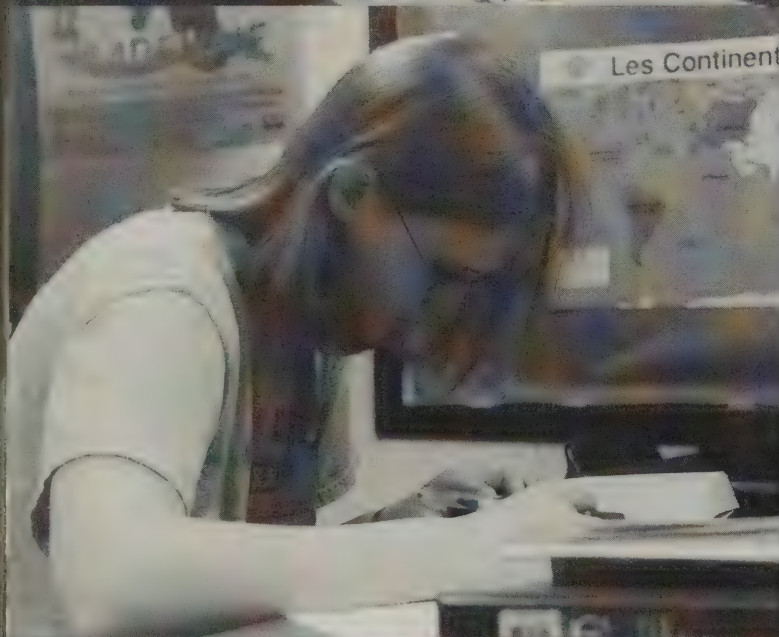




# Foreign Language Classes

## *HOLA, BONJOUR, GUTEN TAG, SALVE*

Ahhh, the thought of traveling to a third-world country and communicating with natives. That very thought often convinced students to take a foreign language; well, besides the fact that it's a required credit. With years of experience and a little cash, that dream could be a reality. Stephen Bishop, said "I take French in hopes of someday going to France." Others, though, planned on using the language right here in America. "It'll come in handy if I ever go to New York--Spanish that is," commented Ryan Poe. On a more serious note, Amanda Summers said, "Our nation has had a steady increase in the Hispanic population, so I can actually use the language to communicate with others." Let's not forget German, though. Despite the fact that there are not as many countries that speak fluent German, as do Spanish, it still has just as much importance. "I know a lot of interesting words, but I don't think I can say them without being censored!" said Gary Fomosa. But what about those who took Latin? No one speaks Latin; in fact, it's a dead language, but Derek Salerno had plans to use his knowledge. "In case I ever run into a bunch of Romans, I'll be able to talk to them." *Story by Robyn P. Good.*

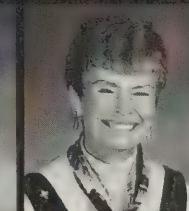


Sherry Atkinson,  
*Spanish*

Alicia Barrett,

Danny Beverly,  
*Spanish*

Betty Dameron,  
*French*



Tom Dunn



Laura Fausto,  
*Spanish*



Pat Jones,  
*Spanish*



Diane Shugart,  
*Spanish*

Above Left: **Ooh La La! Decorating a Christmas card, Robyn Good cuts out candy canes in her French class.** Photo by Lesley Wall.

Middle Left: **French to English Learning a foreign language takes a lot of studying, as Elizabeth Smith demonstrates as she searches through a bilingual dictionary.** Photo by Lesley Wall.

Left: **Duh, The Answer is Right There!** Becky Marlow and Tim Martin help one another out with choosing how to do their work for French. Photo by Lesley Wall.

### *No Picture:*

Suzanne Botts  
Latoya Clarke, *Spanish*  
Andrea Justice, *German*  
Wayne Wray, *Latin*





The year began with hope for our Indian football team. The players worked hard and looked great on the field. The bleachers were packed with students who believed in their football team. Dural Dawson brought excitement to the field as his many touchdowns brought up the Indians' points. Football is one of the many sports teams at Stafford. Other fall sports include golf, tennis, volleyball, cross country, field hockey, Indianettes, and cheerleading. These teams strengthen during the summer to excel at games. Cheerleading is a sport that is year-round. They were always there to support their school teams whether it was cheering on the sideline or hanging good luck posters around the school. Jenny Garrison said, "It is really difficult to cheer year round and still do other things, but it is really fun and district competition is awesome!"

Competition is a challenge enjoyed by all. The field hockey team proceeded to the second round in state competition this year. The girls only lost to Cox High School, which won the state competition. Awesome players such as Sara Hatcher, Bobbi Decatur, and Stephanie Heffernan helped to bring success to Stafford High. In gymnastics, individuals as well as the team placed high in competition. Angel Dodson and Sara Brown excelled in many areas. Although it takes dedication and hard work to compete, Stafford athletes did well to accomplish their goals. The feeling of victory made up for all the hard work.

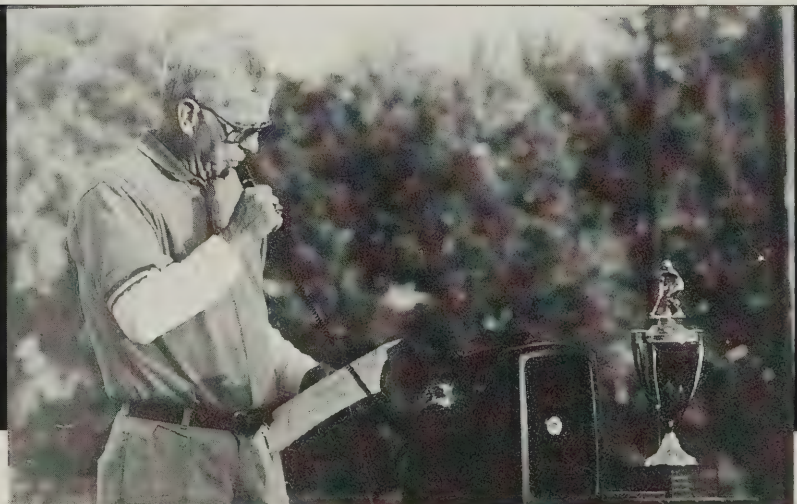
Basketball, along with swimming, gymnastics, and track, began in the winter. Tuesday and Friday night games were full of fun and spirit. "Basketball is not just a sport, but an art; a battle that takes certain strategy to win. It keeps me wanting to work toward my goal to increase my skill," said Chris Downing. The basketball team had excellent strategies coached by Mr. Spicer. Hugh Parker and Rudolph Kelly were also on the boys basketball team. Their offense and defense techniques brought high scores to the season as they completed their last year playing high school ball. There was also an awesome girls basketball team this year. Megan Hanson said, "I love basketball season because it is a physically intense game that I enjoy playing and people enjoy watching." The crowds of all Stafford sports teams were big, and the support lead to many victories. The cheerleaders as well as the Indianettes and the step team performed at home basketball games. The step team featured a group of talented students who had rhythm and coordination. The Stafford beat of the step team excited the crowd during half time. "The step team was a lot of hard work and a lot of fun. Good beats, timing, and rhythm were major necessities in stepping. But with a great advisory team and coaches it was possible," said Kristin Johnson.

Spring sports teams such as baseball, softball, and track ended the year in sports. Heather Simpson, a senior, who played softball said, "I love to play softball. It is a bomb sport that gets me in shape right before summer." All student athletes at Stafford did extremely well in showing their skills. Sports, for the most part, were always fun, whether they were being played or being watched. *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*

**Top: The Indian Tribe Attacks! Football is one of the most followed and enjoyed sports at Stafford. This year's team played extremely hard.** Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Right: The Best Announcer Of All Time Athletic Director Mr. Jimmy Jones presents the regional trophy to the field hockey team. After twenty-six years he retired this year. His dominating voice inspired spirit among all Stafford's crowds.** Photo by Kevin Louder.

**Opposite Page: Going the Distance! Peter Whitford runs in the Regional Meet at Albemarle in Charlottesville, Virginia. Cross country members continued to run all year, even when the team was not in season.** Photo by Meghan Wilson.



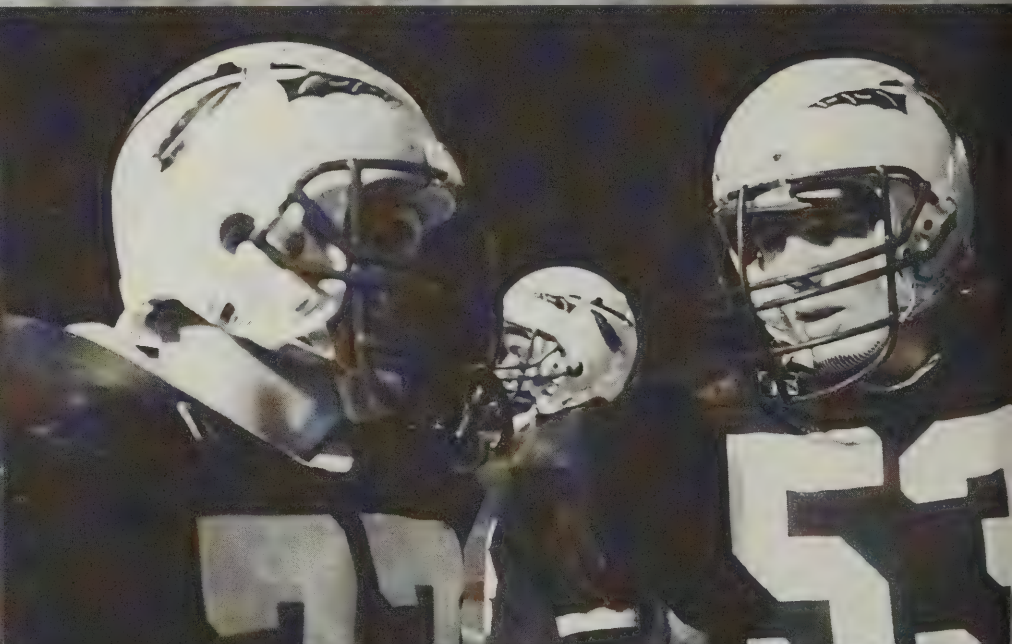
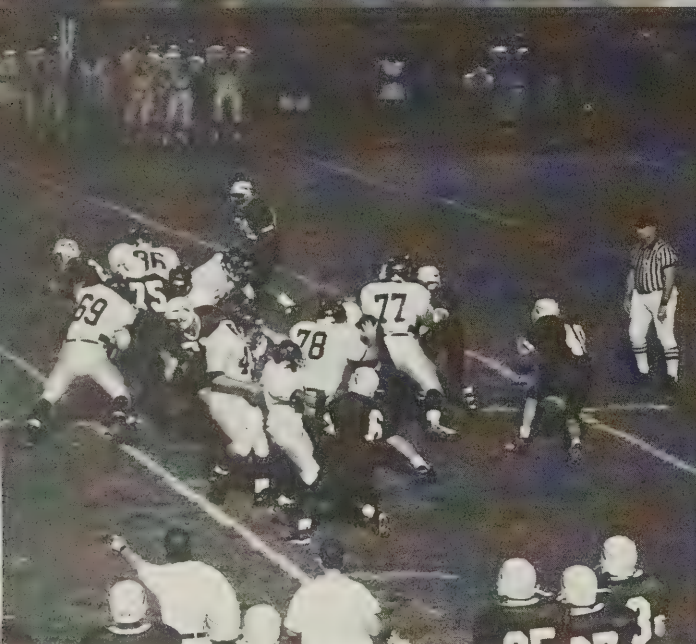




**Sports**



# Varsity Football



**Top: Going for the Gold...** Darrel Dawson breaks for a fumble before a defensive player from Faquier. The Homecoming game was played against Faquier; even though the Indians put up a good fight, they still suffered a disappointing loss. Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Above: Block 'em!!** The Indian defense holds Osborn Park. The Indians won their game 13-12. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.

**Above Right: Here's what we should do...** Scott Newton (77) and Matt Matter (53) discuss the game between plays. The Indians had a fairly successful season, ending with a 3-7 record. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Right: Get Him, Boys!!** Hugh Parker (5), trailed by Jamil Ramsuer (25) and Andrew Saller, goes to tackle his opponent from Faquier. The football team played hard on offense as well as defense. Photo by Mark Hughes





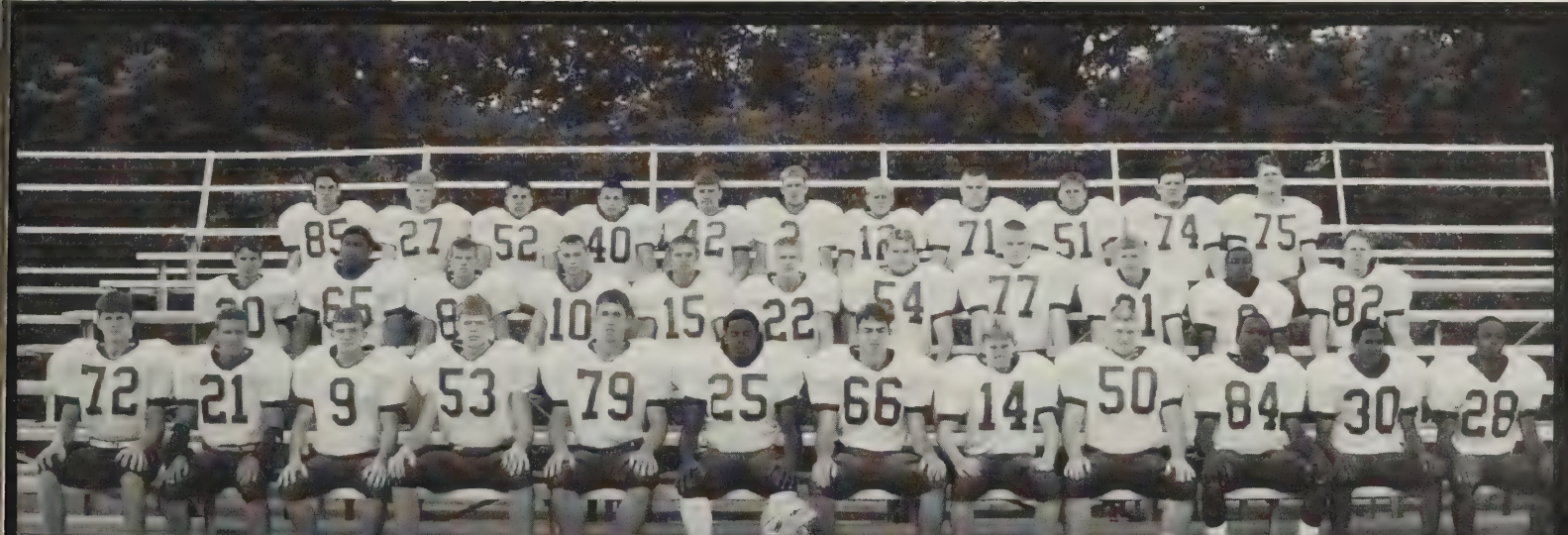


## Varsity Football

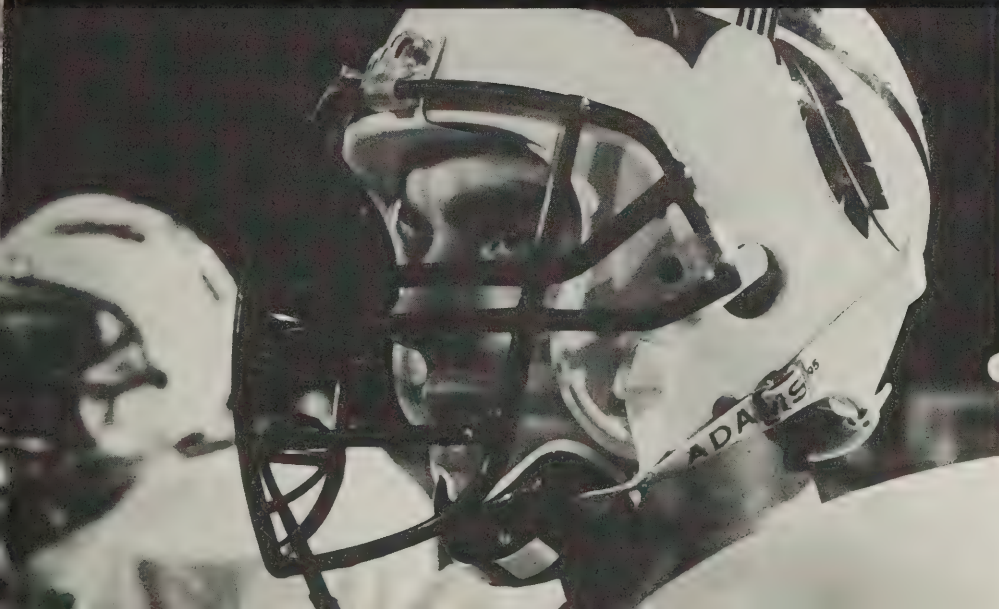
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Potomac .....	L
North Stafford .....	L

## *“Tough Country Boys” go at it again...*

The Indians completed another successful year in the Commonwealth District. With a record of 3 wins and 7 losses, our boys were, “Not happy, but it’s better than last year!” said Matt Montiero. The Indians worked hard all season long. “The practices were long and hard, but it was worth it!” said Chris Hilleary. These boys “learned plays all season long, and gave me everything they had,” said Coach Pierce, the head coach. “We worked really hard, made a lot of friends, and got to play football for our school,” said Dural Dawson. “I’ll never forget this year’s season.” *Story by Ashley Dameron.*



**Varsity Football** *Front Row:* John Yeager, Chris Hilleary, Steve Love, Matt Matter, Bill Benson, Jamil Ramsuer, Eli Sarge, Erik Brito, Matt Monteiro, Rudy Kelly, Dural Dawson, Devon Green. *Second Row:* Yair Rothman, Matt Culbreath, Jason Phipps, Danny Labar, Scott Newton, Scott Wolf, Rashid McCwon, Nick Whelpley. *Third Row:* Philip Richard, Adam Vanzandberg, Scott Perkins, Derek King, Joe O’Sullivan, Brad Hayes, Blake Willis, Greg McKnight, Dustin Dugan, Rob Peterson, Andrew Saller. *Not Pictured:* Dan Mulins, Chris Downing, Derek Moore, Hugh Parkere, Mark Schenemann.



**The look of determination...** *Eli Sarge looks out onto the field as his fellow Indians played on. If it’s one thing our tough country boys had throughout the whole season, it was determination and a love of the game.* *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*



## Touchdown to Victory

Often times at Stafford, the JV and Freshman football teams are pushed out of the limelight by the Varsity Indians. Despite their lack of recognition, the two teams persisted in pushing hard towards every victory. This year's teams worked hard for their wins and their losses, and continued to aspire for that varsity spot some time in their future here at Stafford. Freshman Eric Herlan expressed the feelings of many of the junior Indians when he said, "We all aspire to be on varsity someday; that makes us work harder."

Freshman Robert Thompson said, "We worked hard to be like Varsity." Both the J.V. and Freshmen teams earned a lot of respect this year, especially from the varsity players. Senior Matt Matter said, "We all know how hard they work, and we respect them a lot for it." Old players helped boost the confidence of newer, more inexperienced players. The endurance and determination the Freshman and J.V. teams learned this year will help them to eventually gain a coveted spot on the Varsity Indians football team. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*

### Junior Varsity Football

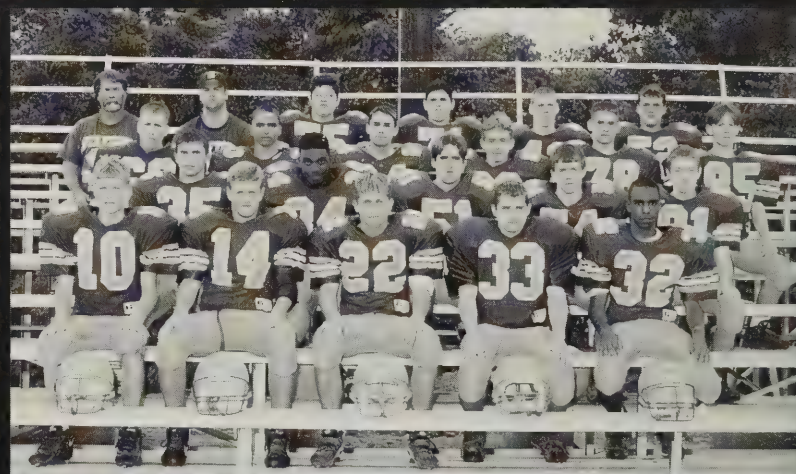
Osbourne Park .....	L
James Wood .....	W
Sherando .....	L
Culpeper .....	L
Brooke Point .....	L
Fauquier .....	W
Colonial Forge .....	L
North Stafford .....	W

### Freshmen Football

Osbourne Park .....	L	31-0
James Wood .....	L	6-0
Culpeper .....	L	15-0
Brooke Point .....	L	15-0
Fauquier .....	L	15-13
Colonial Forge .....	L	22-13
North Stafford .....	L	15-8
Sherando .....	L	7-6

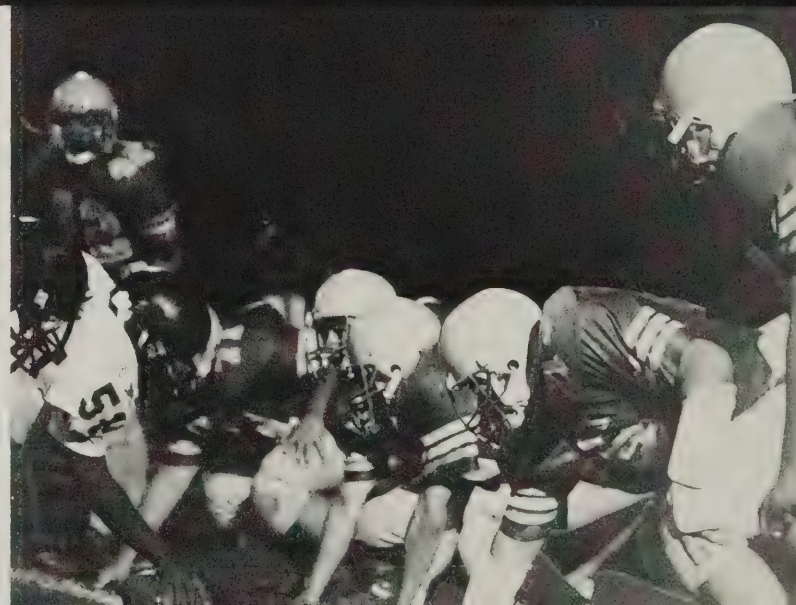


**Junior Varsity Football.** *Front Row:* Gio Baez, Dustin Wodd, Anthony Banks. *Second Row:* Brian Galyen, Robby Dickerson, Matt Conly, Robby Satterwhite, Ned Bocco, Michael Scatchard. *Third Row:* Coach Hilleary, Dan Reeve, Robby Cushing, Quincy Gamett, Chris Fedley, Rodney Clarke, Coach Neatrou.



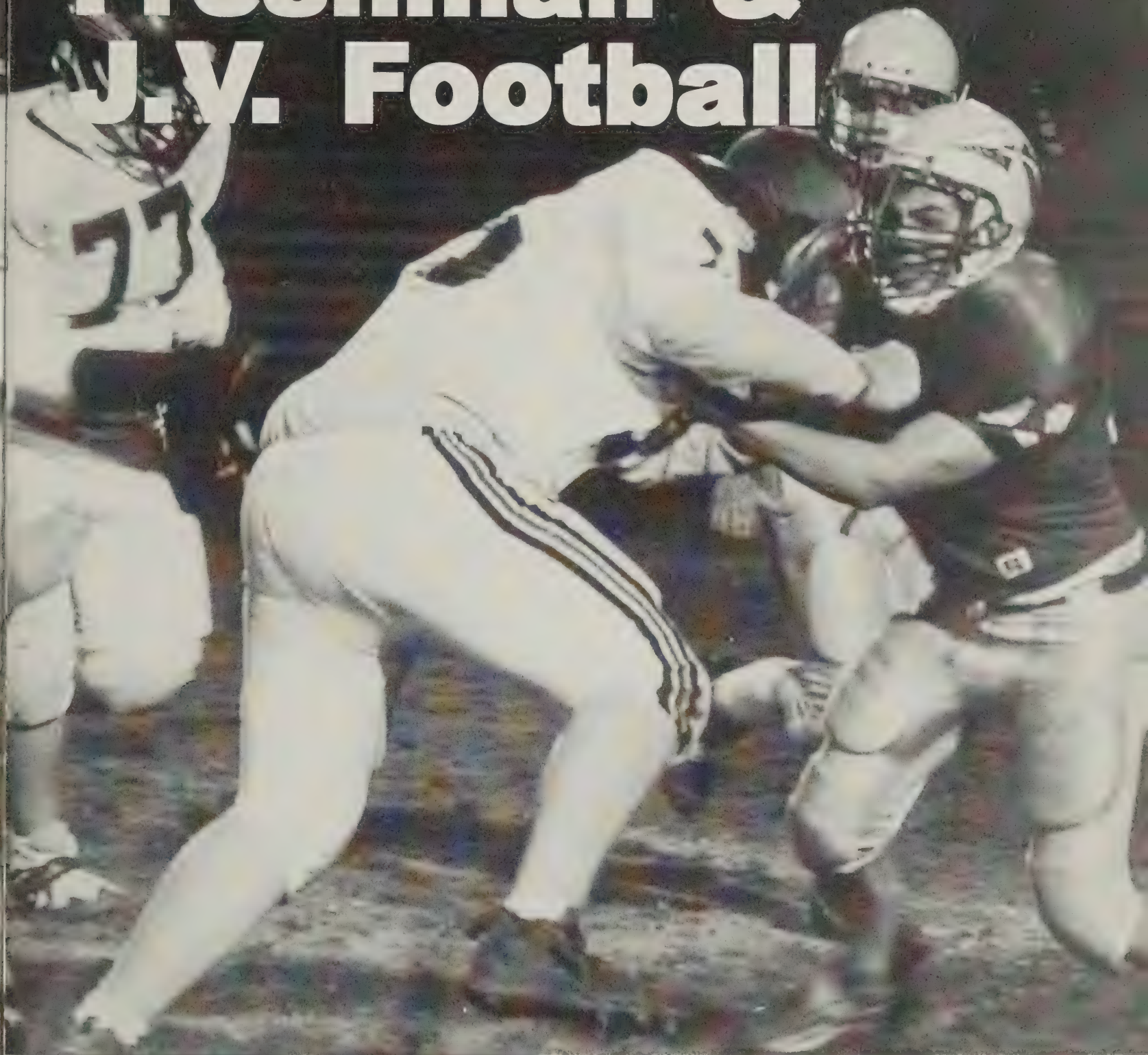
**Freshmen Football** *Front Row:* Josh Sauter, Tim Sullivan, Matt Pitts, Chris Hottel, James Essezx. *Second Row:* Kevin Sullivan, Trey Chambliss, Robbie Wickline, Chris Collins, Tom Burgess. *Third Row:* Kurt Herlan, Patrick Copeland, Nick Colon, Robert Thompson, Brandon Fiesel, Jay Bowlder. *Fourth Row:* Coach Hilleary, Coach Colucci, Aaron Britzenhaff, James Pruitt, Kenny Haynes, Travis Hooker.

Right: **Down, Set, Hike!!** The Stafford freshmen defensive line members Chris Hottel, James Pruitt and Matt Pitts prepare to block the opposing team. The defensive line was crucial to the wins the freshmen team earned this season. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

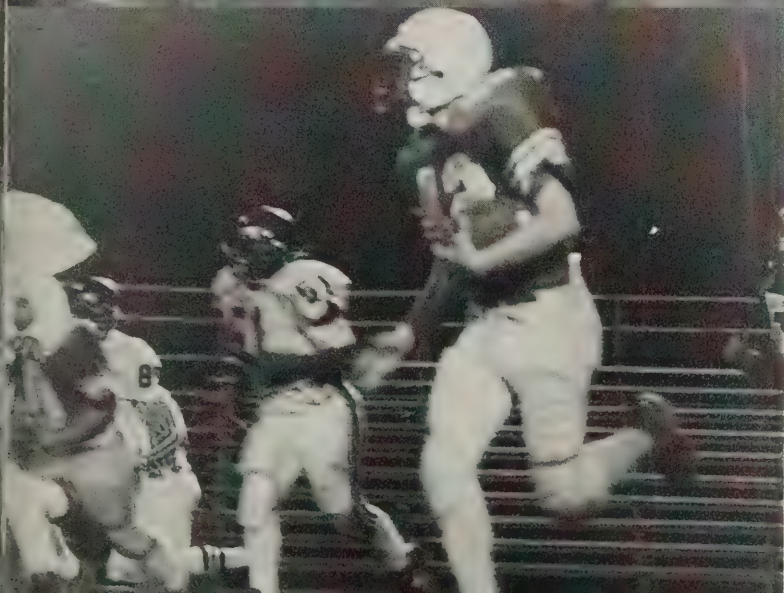




# Freshman & J.V. Football



Above: **Block 'Em** J.V. football player Robbie Cushing does his part for the defense. Defensive players had to work extra hard to be able to push around some guys twice their own weight. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



Left: **Faster!** Freshmen Kevin Hanes runs the ball down the field during a freshman football game. Great runs like these were the secret to the Indians' success. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



# Marching Band



Above: **Wailin' on the Trombone...** Mike Whitney is having a good time playing for the marching band. At the football games the band always got the crowds pumped up when they would play the fight song. Photo by Emily Dursa.

Right: **Bangin' on the Drums...** Stacey Thomas plays the drums in the SHS marching band. The marching band was frequently seen practicing after school to get everything just right for their performance. Photo by Desiree Orwatt.







**Twirl That Thing!!** Scharlotte Kordich is performing at the halftime of a football game. She provided a lot of entertainment at the games, sometimes even twirling with fire. Photo by Kevin Louder.



**Hittin' the Right Note...** Sarah Heffner and Lisa Ammens concentrate on keeping with the beat. Band took a lot of concentration to not only hit the right notes, but to keep up with the rhythm. Photo by Emily Dursa.

## And the band marched on!

In the year of 1999, the Stafford High School Band traveled far and achieved more than ever. Everyone in the band was proud of themselves because of how far they came and how much they had achieved. "At the beginning of the year I didn't think we were gonna do all that well, but we pulled through, and in my opinion we are the best in the county!" Jennifer Ozura stated. Just like all other fall sports teams, the band had to practice over the summer every day just to make sure that everything was perfect.

As it is in sports, everyone thinks that his or her position is the best, but everybody has to work together. As Charlie Nesmith said, "Marching Band is only fun if you're in the drumline. We're like a family, and that's what got us two first place trophies this year."

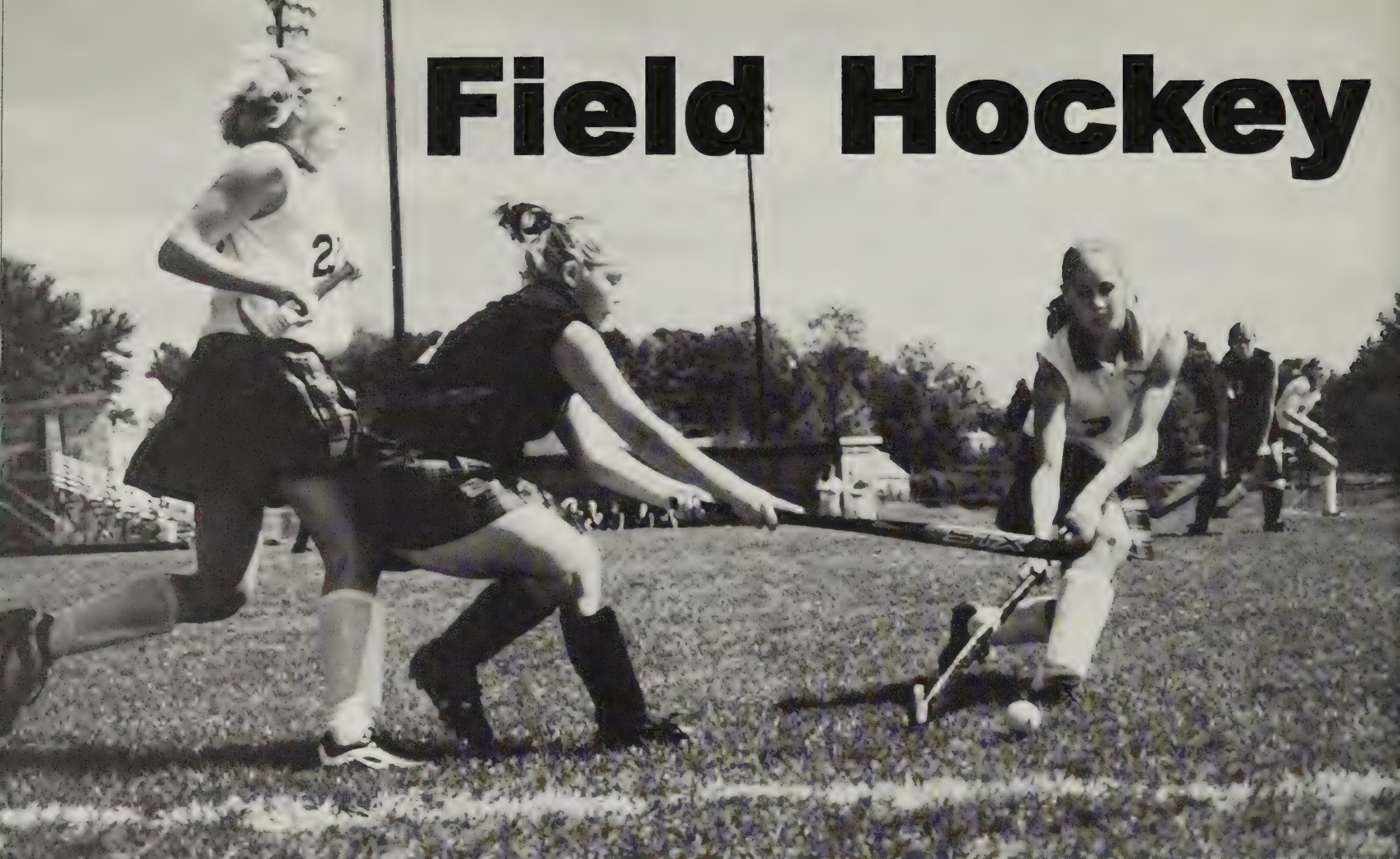
During the year you could have seen the Stafford High School Band performing in many different places. As Lauren Holland said, "Being a part of color guard is a lot of fun. We go to many parades and competitions. It also takes a lot of practice and commitment." So no matter what line one was in or what instrument he or she played the enjoyment was all the same! Story by Megan French.



**Marching Band:** Front Row: Katie Yinger Second Row: Stephanie Nesmith, Ricky Gray, Scharlotte Kordich Third Row: Stacey Thomas, Jenny Brooks, Troy Taitague, William White, Anthony Cowans, Charlie Nesmith, Kristin Hatch, Robert Leatherland, Kevin Cahill, Tim Trice Fourth Row: Krystina Palmer, Sara Wood, Jennifer Ozura, Jennifer Beard, Elizabeth Mastin, Amy Bogardus, Kelly Fern, Lauren Bryan, Krista Spykes, Angela Morlet, Raechel Walters, Nikki Driver Fifth Row: Jetta Peterkin, Angel Hoffman, Dan Wright, Sara Heffner, Maria Tuttle, Matt Early, Lindsey Lemoine, Tracey Mann, Ian Thomas, Lisa Ammens Sixth Row: Becky Trice, Stephanie Minter, Greg McBride, Kristin McCants, Amanda Wibilzhouser, Katie Hodge, Daphne Cashion, Mike Barnum, Mike Cashion, Tracey Beard, Brian Heffner, Wayne Barnum, Emily Driver, Jeff Henkel, Ashley Howard, Stephanie Brockway Seventh Row: Lauren Holland, Ryan Boslovich, Mike Whitney, Josh Early, Ben Schabert, Bruce Tuttle, Charlie Bowen, Tommy Coman, Jeff Garretson, Leslie Ann Johnson, Whitney Wellstokes, Carissa Blackmon Eighth Row: Shauna Thomas, Angie McIntosh, Chris Wahl, Josh Farrar, Christina Jenkins



# Field Hockey



**Top: Teamwork** Maggi Chamberlain and Nikki Noel cover one another. Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Above Right: We Are The Champions** The varsity team cheers in excitement as they receive the trophy for their success. Stephanie Heffernan, Sara Hatcher, and Bobbi and Betsy Decatur hold their prize above their heads. Photo by Kevin Louder.

**Above: Come And Get It!** Emily Ryan shows that being on the varsity team requires a lot hard work and talent. Photo by Kevin Louder.

**Right: I Think I Can... I Think I Can...** Ashley Dowling, using all her ability and strength, steals the ball from the player on other team. Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Opposite Page: Goin' For The Goal** Ashley Dowling, who played the position "link," demonstrates her capabilities. Photo by Lesley Wall.





Varsity Field Hockey		
Woodbridge .....	W .....	3-0
Culpeper .....	W .....	2-1
Kempsville .....	L .....	0-1 (OT)
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	10-0
St. Stephens-St. Agnes .....	L .....	1-2
Brooke Point .....	W .....	4-0
North Stafford .....	L .....	1-2 (OT)
Fauquier .....	W .....	4-0
Woodbridge .....	W .....	1-0 (OT)
Culpeper .....	W .....	2-0
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	10-0
Brooke Point .....	W .....	5-0
Fauquier .....	W .....	5-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	2-1
<b>POSTSEASON:</b>		
<b>District Tournament</b>		
Fauquier .....	W .....	3-1
North Stafford .....	W .....	3-0
<b>Regional Tournament</b>		
Albermarle .....	W .....	5-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	2-1
<b>State Tournament</b>		
Centreville .....	W .....	2-1
Frank Cox .....	L .....	2-0
Junior Varsity Field Hockey		
Woodbridge .....	W .....	4-0
Culpeper .....	W .....	5-0
St. Agnes .....	L .....	0-2
Brooke Point .....	W .....	4-0
Fauquier .....	W .....	2-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	2-0
Woodbridge .....	W .....	3-0
Culpeper .....	W .....	4-0
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	7-0
Brooke Point .....	W .....	5-0
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	4-0
Fauquier .....	W .....	1-0
North Stafford .....	W .....	2-0

Top Left: **Face Off** Caroline Loving gives the other teammate a scare as she fakes a maneuver. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Middle Left: **Buff Stuff** Bobbi Decatur shows her opponent what she's got as she dribbles the ball down the field. Photo by Kevin Louder.

Bottom Left: **You Go Girl** Sara Hatcher speeds ahead of her defender and goes for the goal. Photo by Lesley Wall.

## Chicks with Sticks

Well, if the thought ever crossed someone's mind that field hockey was a piece of cake, then they should get out there and try it! During summer practices in sweltering conditions, the girls ran, ran, and then ran some more, and that was just the basics. Playing field hockey was a very physically demanding sport, and it took a lot of dedication. With the players spending so much time together, one couldn't help but wonder what the atmosphere of the team was really like. Tara Sullivan, a JV player said, "Our team has worked hard and formed a unity that is hard to break. We have the potential to be number one!" With games at least twice a week, keeping up studies was difficult for the gals, but not impossible. Just like every sport, grades had to be good enough in order to stay on the team, so the pressure was really on. Ashleigh Covington said, "Being in Governor's School and on the team field hockey, it's really hard to keep balance. I love both of them enough though, to 'stick' it through." When the girls' season was coming to a close, many players were feeling positive. "I definitely feel confident in this year's team. We can go all the way -- all the way to States!" said Joanne Yednock. Story by Robyn P. Good.



**Junior Varsity Field Hockey** First Row: Aimee Scott, Angie Shacelle, Heather Branscome, Meaghan Thompson, Annie Jacoby, Rebecha Smart. Second Row: Larisa Washburn, Nikki Noel, Stefanie Vukovich, Caitlyn Faller, Tara Sullivan, Becky Johnsen. Third Row: Amber Duffy, Chelsea Garfield, Maggi Chamberlan, Lindsey Piester, Coach Sullivan.



**Varsity Field Hockey** Front Row: Annie Strickler, Caroline Loving, Bobbi Decatur, Angela Feindt, Katherine Thompson, Stephanie Heffernan. Second Row: Amy Gallivan, Kelly Coppage, Lorrie Watts, Ashley Dowling, Sara Hatcher, Ashley Roberson. Third Row: Joanne Yednock, Coach Budney, Ashleigh Covington, Emily Ryan, Coach Woodie, Betsy Decatur.



**All District-** Sara Hatcher, Betsy Decatur, Bobbi Decatur, Angela Feindt, Lorrie Watts. **Player of the Year** - Bobbi Decatur.

**All Region-** Sara Hatcher, Betsy Decatur, Bobbi Decatur, Angela Feindt, Lorrie Watts. **Player of the Year** - Bobbi Decatur.

**All State-** Sara Hatcher, Bobbi Decatur

**Potomac News All Area-** Sara Hatcher, Betsy Decatur, Bobbi Decatur, Angela Feindt, Lorrie Watts, Stephanie Heffernan, Amy Gallivan. **Co-Players of the Year** - Bobbi Decatur, Angela Feindt.

**Free Lance Star All Area-** Sara Hatcher, Betsy Decatur, Bobbi Decatur, Lorrie Watts. **Player of the Year** - Bobbi Decatur.

**Washington Post-Prince William Extra All Area-** Sara Hatcher, Betsy Decatur, Bobbi Decatur, Lorrie Watts. **Player of the Year** - Bobbi Decatur.

**Washington Post All Metro-** First Team- Bobbi Decatur



# Going the distance

During the fall there were some athletes who pushed themselves to the limit. These athletes were known as cross country runners. They ran for miles on end, through rain or wind. They stopped at nothing. The runners' season started in August in the blazing heat, when they whipped themselves into shape for the fall season ahead. When Peter Whitford was asked about the summer preparation, he said, "It took a while for everyone to get used to the numerous miles, so there was a lot of puking." When asked just how much puke there was he said, "there were puddles of puke; it really made you sorry when you tripped."

Obviously cross country took a lot out of the runners. When Johnny Cabaniss was asked about the grueling sport he said, "I have felt so much pain running that I no longer fear death." Justin Beck added to this when he said, "I truly hated every minute, but I have a great respect for coach and I'm not good at anything else." On the other side of cross country, there was the girls team. "Girls cross country is a lot tougher and more competitive than boys," joked Ashley Dameron. She also said, "We work really hard and have a lot of fun too. Our team was really close this year--its a blast." Another member of the girls team, Robyn Good, joked, "I've put more miles on my shoes than I ever will on my car." The girls and boys teams, despite the joking comments, really helped one another through long practices and workouts. The team not only bonded with one another, they worked together through a great season. When I asked Coach Gorfida about the team he said, "They worked really hard and proved to be one the best teams that the school has ever seen." *Story by Steve Miller.*

## Boys Cross Country

Chancellor Invitational .....	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Judges Classic Invitational .....	1 <sup>st</sup>
Woodberry Forest .....	1 <sup>st</sup>
Montpelier Invitational .....	1 <sup>st</sup>
Albemarle Invitational .....	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Commonwealth District Meet .....	1 <sup>st</sup>
Northwest Regional Meet .....	3 <sup>rd</sup>
AAA State Meet .....	6 <sup>th</sup>

Districts winners for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year  
6<sup>th</sup> place finish in State Meet was the second highest in school history

**All District** - John Cabaniss, Shane Grizzle, Bert Jacoby, Peter Whitford

**All Region** - Shane Grizzle



**Boys Cross Country** *Front Row:* John Cabaniss, Justin Beck, Randy Newton, Nathan Tuthill, Shane Grizzle, Matt Blose. *Second Row:* Peter Bennet Jeff Adcock, Peter Whitford, Justin Salerno, Willie Royston. *Third Row:* John Lee, Kyle Whitlock, Sam Chamberlin, Bert Jacoby, Coach Gorfida.



**Girls Cross Country** *Front Row:* Lindsey Hession, Jennifer Hessoine, Bonnie Ludlow, Allison Groff, Ashley Dameron. *Second Row:* Robyn Good, Katie Catalano, Darcey Pearce, Maria Hingle, Coach Ocheltree.

**Top Right: Let's Use The Buddy System** *Katie Catalano and Darcey Pierce share their pain on the cross country course. A lot of the runners used one another to get through the long workouts.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Middle Right: I Will Finish First** *Shane Grizzle pushes his way towards victory. Shane and the boys team placed high in state competition.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Right: The Herd** *Peter Whitford, Shane Grizzle, and Justin Beck find their way through the pack at the start of one of their races. A good start was crucial in a good race.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





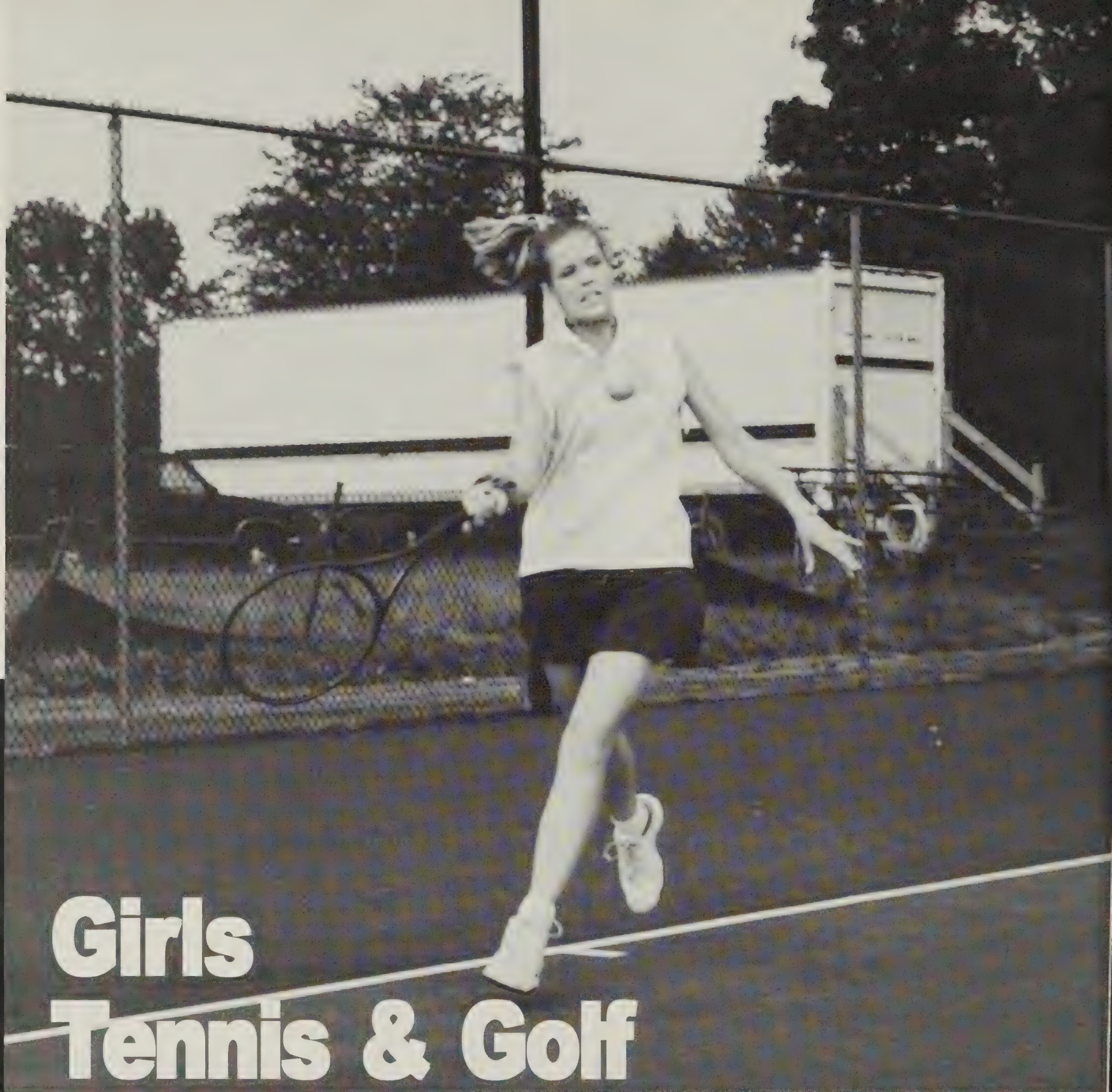


Above: **Leading The Pack** Peter Whitford and Bert Jacoby make Stafford proud in one of many successful cross country competitions. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Left: **Only One Mile Left** Maria Hingle gives it all she's got during a fall cross country meet. The girls cross country team worked hard all season. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.







# Girls Tennis & Golf

Above: **Swinging for Success!** *Veronica Pugh awaits the ball's return during her match.* Photo by Matt Catalano.

Right: **Golf ball, corner pocket...** *Using his unique skills as a golfer, Ben Parsons strives to make his land in the hole.* Photo by Matt Catalano.







## Girls Tennis

Faquier .....	W
Culpeper .....	W
Colonial Forge .....	W
Brooke Point .....	W
North Stafford .....	W
Stafford Invitational .....	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Colonial Forge .....	W
Culpeper .....	W
James Wood .....	W
Faquier .....	W
Brooke Point .....	W
Sherando .....	W
North Stafford .....	W

### District Champs

**Regional Winners:** Krista Eck, Laura Johnson,

**States:** Krista Eck, Laura Johnson

## Swinging Into Action

At the Gauntlet at Curtis Park off of Rt. 17, the golf team endured their countless hours of practice. "We usually practiced right after school from about 3:15 to 6:30," said Ross Duvall. And all their hard work did pay off. In the district competition, the Stafford Golf team placed third in the district, and individuals such as Ben Parsons, Ross Duvall, and Joe Keip went to the regional division and competed in singles. "There is a unique trait about us," said Ben Parsons. "When people tried to make it all serious, we were always there to make it fun." The Stafford Golf team was coached by the awesome pair Dan Beverly and Ron Beverly, who provided great input to the outcome of their success. "They were a fun group to coach, and we'll miss the ones that won't be with us next year," said Ron Beverly.

Working hard, the girls tennis team also gave it their best swing during the fall season. "I wasn't really sure how we would play this season," said Cara Hynden. "Our coach from last year went on to coach at Mary Washington College, but we were in luck to have a lot of returning players, some great new additions, and a great coach, who contributed a lot to our team." New addition was coach Kathy Laub. "She provided great leadership and coaching skills for our team," said Meaghan Wilson, "and she always kept us in a positive attitude." That positive attitude led the team to success. Krista Eck and Laura Johnson were able to further themselves onto regionals and states after the teams first place finishing at districts.

Many girls participated in the sport this year--actually sixteen girls toughed it out through the strenuous and sweat-filled practices and contributed their 110% to the undefeated team. "I'm happy that our hard work and determination to be number one really paid off. I just hope that it will continue into next year," said Krista Eck. *Story by Laurie Mathias.*



**Girls Tennis Front Row:** Laura Gardner, Sarah Cline, Mallory Goldman, Andrea Varga, Erin Hughes, Bri Bevan.  
**Second Row:** Melissa Love, Krista Eck, Laura Johnson, Jay Edgar, Veronica Pugh. **Third Row:** Coach Arthur Minizares, Cara Hynden, Erica Vos, Meaghan Wilson, Coach Kathy Laub.



**Golf Front Row:** John Staab, Jarold Trumbley, Greg Cox, Britt Calloway, Steven Lawrence. **Back Row:** Coach Ron Beverly, Ross Duvall, Kevin Roberts, Ben Parsons, Joe Keip, Coach Dan Beverly.



**Top Left: Fore!** Kevin Roberts demonstrates perfect technique during his putts. *Photo by Matt Catalano.*

**Middle Left: In the Hole!** Ben Parsons performs his putt with grace beyond compare. *Photo by Matt Catalano.*

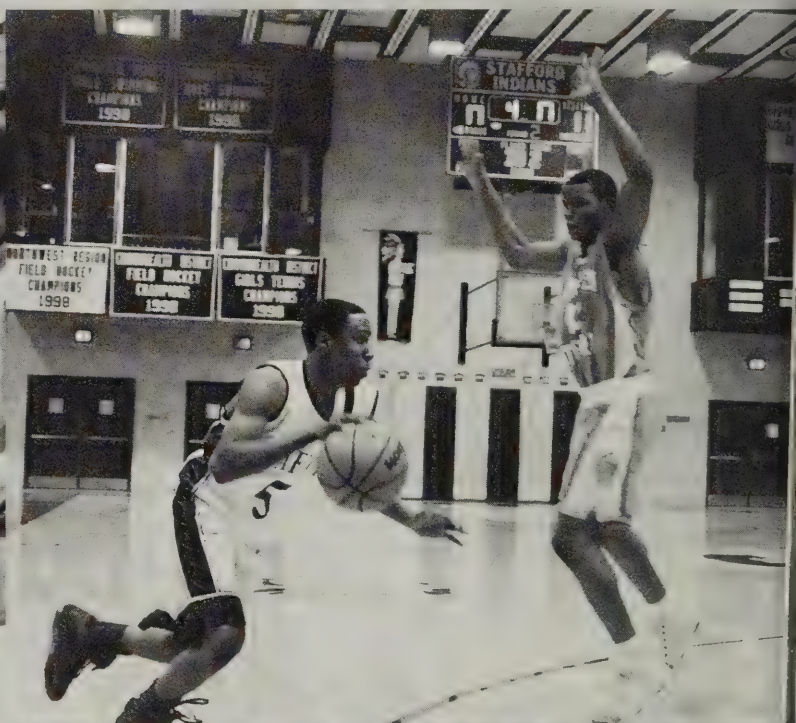
**Left: Warming Up** Displaying the unity of their undefeated team, Bri Bevan, Sara Cline, Veronica Pugh, and Cara Hynden stretch before one of their matches. *Photo by Matt Catalano.*



# Basketball

**Rebound!** Rudy Kelly goes for a three-pointer, while Cole Copley positions himself for the rebound. A lot of the team's key plays were made off the rebound. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Stop That Player!** Brad Hayes guards an opposing team member in an attempt to break up his play. Breaking up the play of the other team pretty much guaranteed that they would not score. Photo by Jennifer Yednock.



**Pep Talk** Team members gather around Coach Spicer for a half-time talk about the game so far. These reviews of the team's play helped them pick out what they had been doing wrong and reminded them to avoid doing these things again if they wanted to win. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

**Outta My Way** Hugh Parker attempts to dribble around an opposing player in order to drive to the basket. The players constantly worked on these types of skills in practice constantly. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Over Here!** Searching for someone to pass to, Rashard Johnson stands ready to give the ball to another teammate. High-intensity situations like this were common on the court during the basketball season. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.







### Boys Varsity Basketball

James Monroe .....	W .....	77-39
Faquier .....	W .....	74-59
Stonewall Jackson .....	W .....	50-48
Culpeper .....	W .....	59-51
Osborn Park .....	W .....	48-39
Sherando .....	W .....	72-41
Liberty .....	W .....	62-15
Brooke Point .....	W .....	53-38
Faquier .....	W .....	52-48
James Wood .....	W .....	65-62
Stonewall Jackson .....	W .....	53-49
North Stafford .....	W .....	73-37
Brooke Point .....	W .....	62-49
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	72-35
North Stafford .....	W .....	51-31
Osborn Park .....	W .....	57-50
Brooke Point .....	L .....	48-50
Faquier .....	W .....	67-49
Culpeper .....	W .....	51-42
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	72-23
<b>District Tournament</b>		
North Stafford .....	W .....	59-41
Sherando .....	W .....	72-54
Brooke Point .....	W .....	55-52

#### Highlights

17 game winning streak-school record  
 17 game unbeaten streak-school record  
 23-1 record best record in school history

#### District Champions

## Basketball Team Brings in Greatest Season in Years

What a season the basketball team had! With a record of only one loss under their belt at this point in the game, the team definitely had a good reason to be proud. With hopes of going on to states, the varsity basketball season bounced on at the speed of light, with everyone waiting in anticipation of what would happen next.

Chris Kay said of the season, "I feel we've had a great year, except when we lost to Brooke Point, which we shouldn't have."

When asked what the key to their success was, Cole Copley explained that they were doing so well "'cause we're working as a team, and we always go 100% at practice." Andrew Hall said their winning season was "due to teamwork, hard work, and the great leadership of Hugh Parker and the other seniors."

Each game the team played proved more exciting than the last, for both the spectators and the team members themselves. Gee- Gee Bean just "loved the rush" he got every time they played together. This bond between the players apparently paid off, considering all the games they had already won.

Rashard Johnson said it best when he explained why their season had been so incredible: "'Cause we're STAFFORD! I've gotten at least nine points per game. We're just awesome!"

There was just something magical in the air this basketball season, and to be sure, this team would not be forgotten for a very long time to come. This one was going down in the record books! *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*



**Boys Basketball -- Varsity** Front Row: Coach Spicer, Coach Ripley Second Row: Hugh Parker, Kyle Gryzb, Rashard Johnson, Gee-Gee Bean, Chris Downing, Matt Matter, Cole Copley, Andrew Hall, Chris Kay, Brad Hayes, Rudolph Kelly, Alan Cascio, M.J. Moyers

**Silence, Please** Cole Copley concentrates as he goes for a point during a foul shot, and his teammates look on anxiously. Foul shots were a major contribution to the team's points during games. Photo by

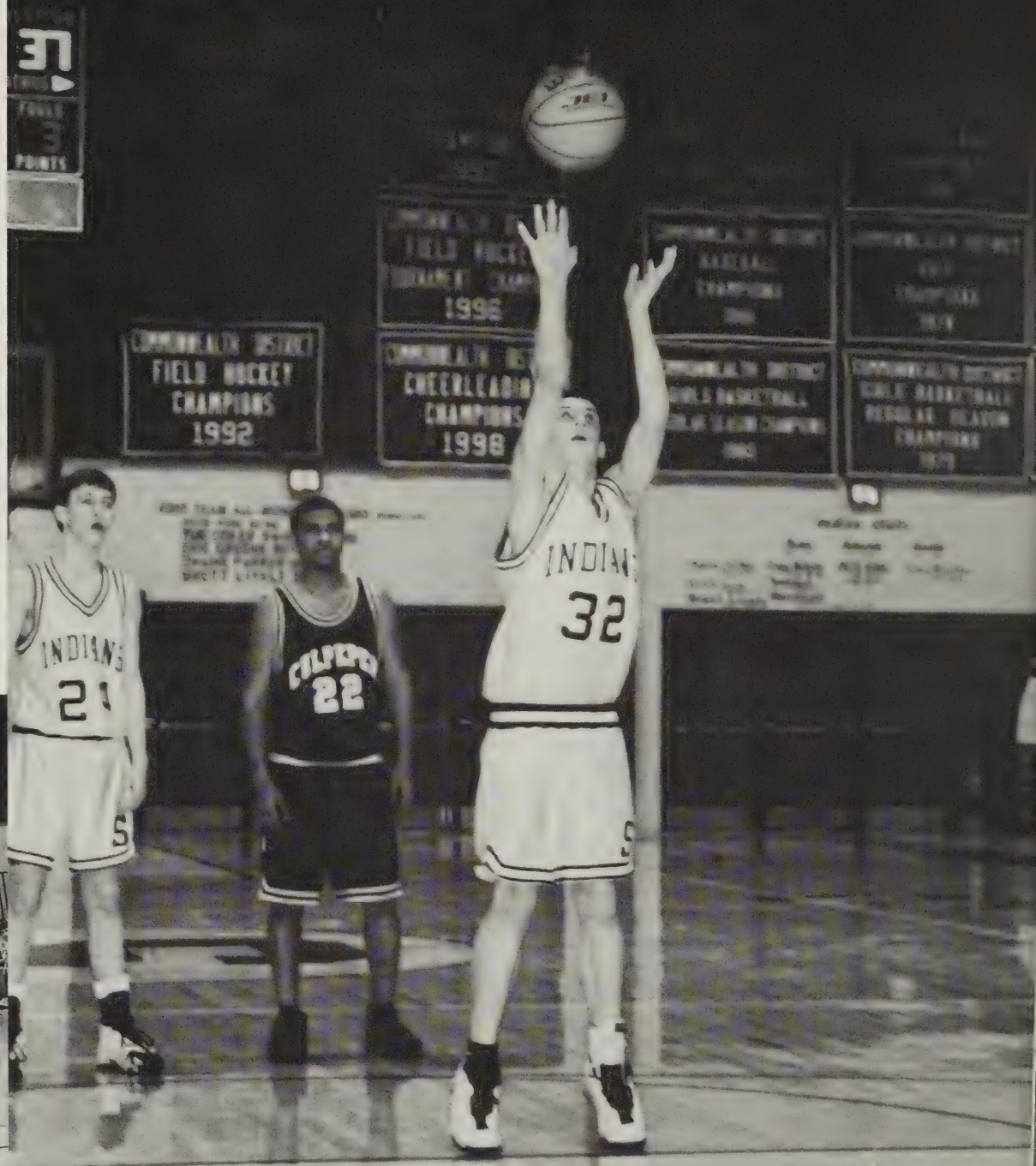
Jennifer Yednock.



# Basketball

**You Can Do It!** Steven Miller awaits the foul shot by Dan Melvin. If a team made these foul shots, they would receive more points. Photo by Matt Catalano.

**Concentration is the Key** Joey Coleman focuses on making his free throws at a JV basketball game. Making foul shots was an important contributing factor to a victory. Photo by Heather Akin.



**If You Do This, and Stop Doing That, You Will Win** Steven Miller and the rest of the freshmen basketball team take a lesson from Coach Caron. These teachings were enjoyed and appreciated by the team. Photo by Matt Catalano.





## Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

James Monroe	L
Faquier	W
Stonewall Jackson	L
Culpeper	L
Osborn Park	L
Sherando	W
James Monroe	L
James Wood	L
Stonewall Jackson	W
North Stafford	W
Brooke Point	L
Colonial Forge	W
Culpeper	L
North Stafford	L
Osborn Park	L
Brooke Point	L
Faquier	L
Colonial Forge	W

## Boys Freshmen Basketball

Faquier	L	40-45
Stonewall Jackson	W	35-34
Culpeper	L	23-26
Osborn Park	W	48-46
Sherando	L	30-34
James Wood	L	30-34
Stonewall Jackson	W	25-24
North Stafford	W	25-23
Brooke Point	L	30-36
Colonial Forge	W	41-13
North Stafford	W	47-21
Osborn Park	L	49-53
Brooke Point	W	55-29
Faquier	L	48-54
Culpeper	L	38-44
Colonial Forge	W	53-22

## S... I... N... K... Sink It Stafford, Sink It!!!

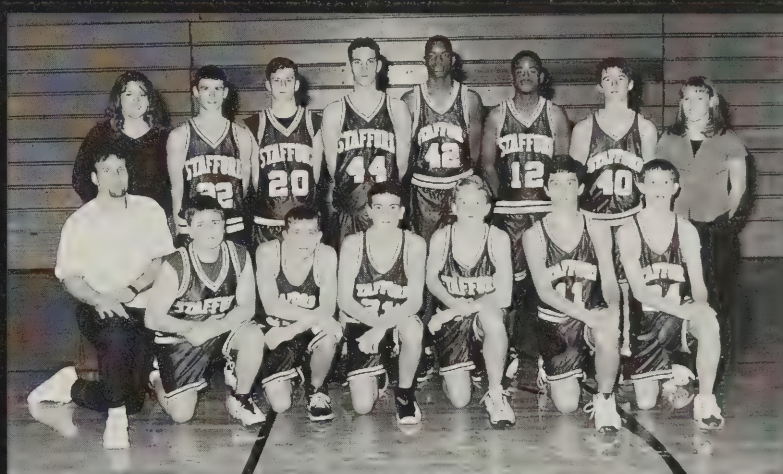
The JV and Freshmen basketball teams persevered through their season. They may of had a few losses here and there, but they had many victories as well. "The basketball season went by fast this year, but it was fun all the way through," said Adam Vanzanbergen, who was on the JV team. Matt Pitts also enjoyed his season on the freshmen team. "I'm glad I got the chance to play on the team, we all had a lot of fun at practice, and I can't wait to move up to JV."

The teams practiced every day for two hours, switching off with early and late practices with the girls teams. "We worked really hard, and we really improved," said Conor Ashby. Coach Caron led the team this year, with assistant Turner Ashby, former varsity player, at his side. Carone kept the guys up in hard work ethics during each practice which enabled their endurance, passes, rebounds and shooting skills to improve. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect. *Story by Laurie Mathias.*

**What Are You Doing?** Coach Caron shows his anger towards his team's play. The basketball team enjoyed their coach's tutelage even when he was upset. Photo by Matt Catalano.



**Boys Basketball -- Junior Varsity** Front Row: Greg Cox, Dustin Wood, Blake Willis, Geo Baez, Joel Brunk, Adam Van Zanbergen Second Row: Joey Coleman, Michael Frazier, Matt Woodson, Kevin Hitt, Kyle Richards, Derek King, Coach Pierce



**Boys Basketball -- Freshman** Front Row: Gerald Caron, Jason Robinson, Matt Pitts, Ryan Bowler, Nathan Tuthill, Josh Seay, Steven Miller Second Row: Tara Bragg, Dan Melvin, Conner Ashley, Charlie Elmore, Brian Tyson, Bobby Williams, Danny Sanders, Anna O'Malley

**I'm Bigger Than You!** Joel Brunk goes up for the rebound during a game versus Culpeper. The team's ability to get rebounds usually depended on a player's size and/or height. Photo by Matt Catalano.





# Talent and Teamwork brought Success!

**Offense, Basket, Victory!** Shannon Hylton quickly scopes her options on offense. The Varsity girls played with great endurance that brought them many baskets! Photo by Joanne Yednock.



The girls varsity basketball team had a fun and successful year. The girls worked extremely well together, even with the three sophomores on the team. Becky Johnson was one sophomore who often was the highlight of games. Crowds who came to support the team cheered Becky and the rest of the team on in order to show their school spirit. Becky also started a lot of the games. She said, "Even though there are three sophomores on the team, we all work well together and treat each other as equals. We are a big family that takes care of each other on and off the court." The girls did in fact take care of each other. Seniors such as Megan Hanson and Meaghan Wilson always gave encouragement to their younger teammates. The whole team agreed with Ashley Roberson when she said, "Playing together is the key to success, and we definitely represent that theory!"

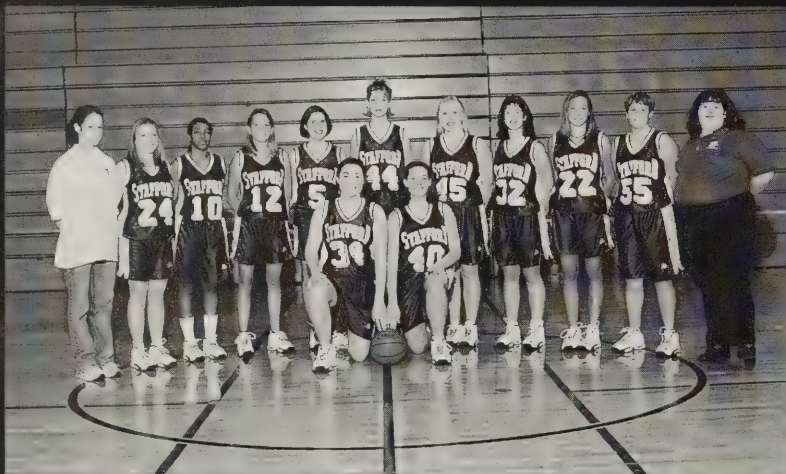
It is a good thing the girls knew how to cooperate with each other. Cooperation is often the key to success, especially with the extreme talent this team exemplified! "Our team is awesome this year! Our benches are as good as our starters!" said senior Megan Hanson. Kristin Ripley and Megan Vrebal agreed with Megan. They both said, "We have a lot of depth this year. We were able to rotate eleven people in a game without losing intensity." The great coaching ability from Coach Butler also made the team so successful. He taught his girls the meaning of sportsmanship and strength as individuals as well as the strength of the team. Captains Meaghan Wilson and Kristin Ripley also demonstrated qualities of leadership that teammates respected. "We all knew that the team would not be successful if there were disputes among teammates. We always helped each other when possible to make all players the best athletes they could be. Our teamwork showed when so many awesome plays were accomplished to the best of our abilities. I will definitely miss basketball!" said Meaghan. The girls were definitely proud of their season. Angie Mathis said, "Our record speaks for itself. It's better than last year." Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.

## Girls Varsity Basketball

Osborn	W	45-33
Faquier	W	42-36
Stonewall Jackson	W	50-38
Culpeper	W	46-43
Osborn Park	W	48-39
Sherando	W	85-55
Albermarle	W	35-34
James Wood	W	72-32
Stonewall Jackson	L	51-48
North Stafford	L	55-50
Osborn	W	65-31
Brooke Point	W	62-55
Colonial Forge	W	78-25
North Stafford	L	61-54
Albermarle	W	49-37
Osborn Park	L	56-50
Brooke Point	W	54-49
Faquier	W	49-39
Culpeper	W	56-47
Colonial Forge	W	58-30

### District Tournament

James Wood	W	57-42
Sherando	W	59-49
North Stafford	L	55-24
Woodbridge	L	74-34



**Girls Basketball -- Varsity** Front Row: Meaghan Wilson, Kristen Ripley. Second Row: Norma Castilano, Meaghan Hanson, Angie Mathis, Lorrie Watts, Shanna Hylton, Meghan Vrebal, Jean Cornwell, Becky Johnson, Ashley Roberson, Robin Stone.

**Go Number 55! No one can block Betsy Decatur's shot! With great height in her jumps and extreme concentration on the basket, Betsy was always scoring big.** Photo by Diana Price.





# Basketball



**Top: Heads Up!** *The Lady Indians basketball team had many steals this season. Players such as Meaghan Wilson demonstrated great defense during the Tuesday and Friday night games.* Photo by Diana Price.

**Left: S-C-O-R-E, Score, Score!** *Basketball is a sport that requires special teamwork. Angie Mathis was always sure of her throws, and the girls were able to work together well and play a tremendous season.* Photo by Joanne Yednock.

**Above: The Coach's Advice** *The Varsity team showed high respect for their coach, Mr. Butler. As players Lorrie Watts and Jean Cornwell observe the plays, Coach Butler gives his team confidence to succeed.* Photo by Joanne Yednock.

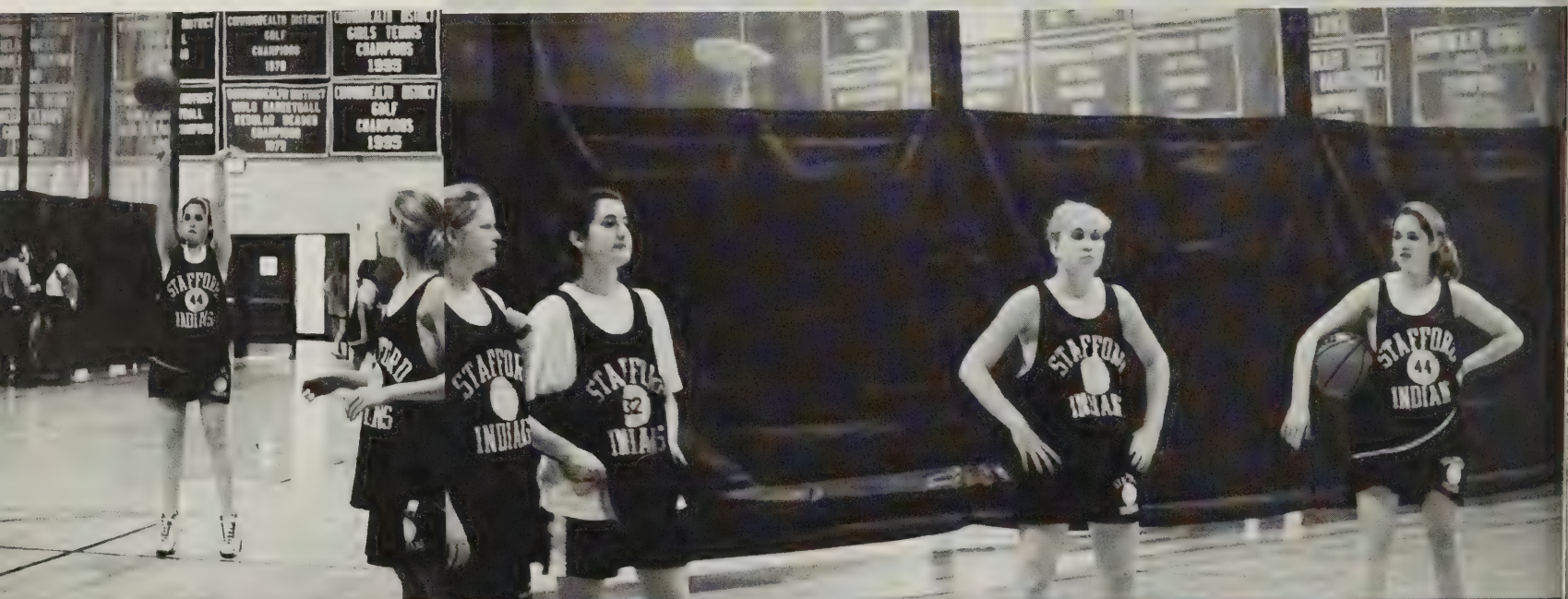


# Basketball



**Swish!** Amanda Roberts gracefully shoots a foul shot while Sarah Zoric and Brittany Lee stand by, ready to get the rebound. The girls had 20 games and took every opportunity to score. Photo by Megan Hewitt.

**Get in There!** Meghan Reiley and Hanna Taylor take turns shooting foul shots in practice to get ready for their next game. The girls worked on their accuracy so that when game time rolled around they were ready to shoot! Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.



**Don't Just Stand There!** Brittany Lee, Sarah Zoric, Lindsey Peister, and Meghan Reiley take a short break before putting their noses back to the grindstone. The team worked hard all season long every day after school. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.

**Who's Open?** Hanna Taylor looks frantically for a teammate to pass the ball to. Practices consisted of scrimmages, drills, and good times. Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.







### Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

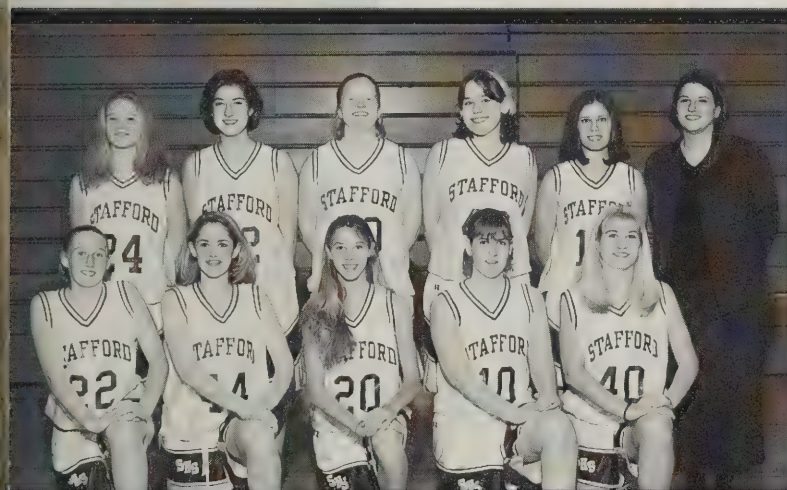
Osborn	L	31-38
Faquier	W	43-21
Culpeper	W	31-30
Osborn Park	W	54-27
Sherando	W	52-42
Albermarle	W	44-15
James Wood	W	44-18
Stonewall Jackson	W	48-18
North Stafford	L	25-33
Osborn	W	33-25
Brooke Point	W	47-22
North Stafford	W	37-35
Albermarle	L	23-28
Osborn Park	W	39-17
Colonial Forge	W	41-10
Brooke Point	W	45-28
Colonial Forge	W	31-13
Faquier	W	40-25
Culpeper	W	45-33

### Girls Freshmen Basketball

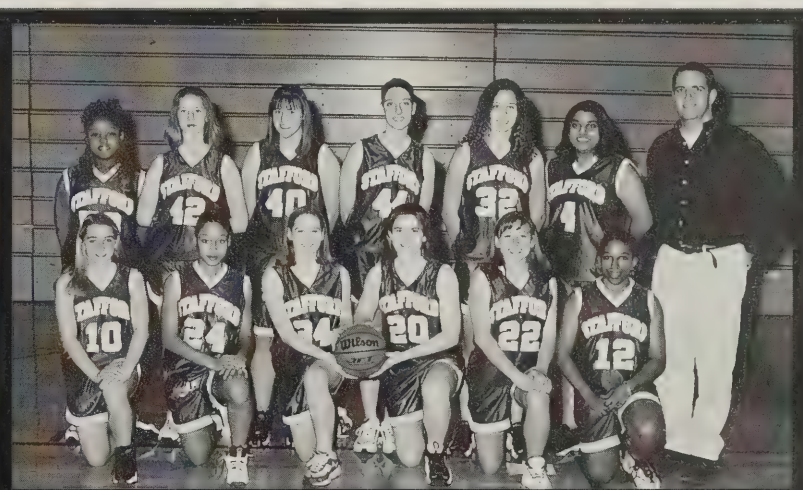
Faquier	L	55-10
Stonewall Jackson	W	21-17
Culpeper	L	30-29
Osborn Park	L	27-15
Sherando	W	31-10
Albermarle	L	25-11
James Wood	L	34-13
Stonewall Jackson	W	22-24
North Stafford	L	37-9
Brooke Point	L	36-2
North Stafford	L	39-4
Albermarle	W	32-11
Osborn Park	L	17-13
Colonial Forge	W	18-13
Brooke Point	L	31-6
Faquier	L	35-7
Culpeper	W	15-10
Colonial Forge	W	28-21

## Dribble Down the Court, Shoot... 2 points!

The Lady Indians had a successful season in the Commonwealth District. With a record of 17 wins, and only 3 losses, these ladies were "fairly happy. We didn't have as good of a record this year compared to last year," said Chelsea Garfield, "but the team was stronger, and we had more teamwork this year." The girls practiced for at least 2 hours every day after school for almost 3 months! "The players gave me all they had this season! They really worked hard, and I think that it showed on the court," said new coach, Ms. Dameron. When asked to sum up the season, Sophomore Amber Duffy said, "I had so much fun. I got to spend time with my friends, make new friendships, and play the sport that I love!" *Story by Ashley Dameron*



**Girls Basketball -- Junior Varsity** Front Row: Amanda Roberts, Megan Rieley, Hanna Taylor, Lindsey Jones, Lindsey Peister. Second Row: Chelsea Garfield, Sarah Zoric, Brittany Lee, Allison Spillage, Amber Duffy, Coach Dameron.



**Girls Basketball -- Freshmen** Front Row: Angie Shacklette, Dominiqua Spotswood, Majorie Franke, Mary Becker, Jessica Panaranda, Tanisla Collins. Second Row: Latoya White, Suzie Hall, Sarah Dasilva, Andrea Caruso, Darcy Pearce, Deppa Pattel, Coach Todd Welker.



**Shut yo' mouth!** Hanna Taylor holds the ball while Allison Splaine, Sarah Zoric, and Amanda Roberts crowd around her. These half-court games at practice helped the girls to achieve a 17-3 season!

Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.



# Cheerleading

## *Cheerleaders work hard to support all sports teams!*

Fall, winter, spring, and summer! Yes, cheerleaders worked extremely hard all year long! Those who claim that cheerleading is not a sport are wrong. This year's varsity squad definitely proved that theory wrong. Jenny Garrison, who has cheered for four years now said, "Most people think that cheerleading is an easy sport, but it isn't. It takes a lot of hard work, time, and dedication."

Cheerleaders began practicing in June. Early morning practices three to four days a week prepared the squad for the football season in the fall. Rain, snow, or shine these cheerleaders were always moving, promoting school spirit and support for our football team. "It was cool when we had to cheer in the rain. It really showed dedication to our fans and the team," said Courtney Johnston.

However, cheerleading duties did not end at games. These dedicated girls and guys organized pep rallies, performed at freshman orientation, and decorated our hallways so that students arrived at school surrounded by the spirit of blue, gold, and white. Posters were continuously painted to encourage the strength of the Indian pride found in all Stafford sports teams.

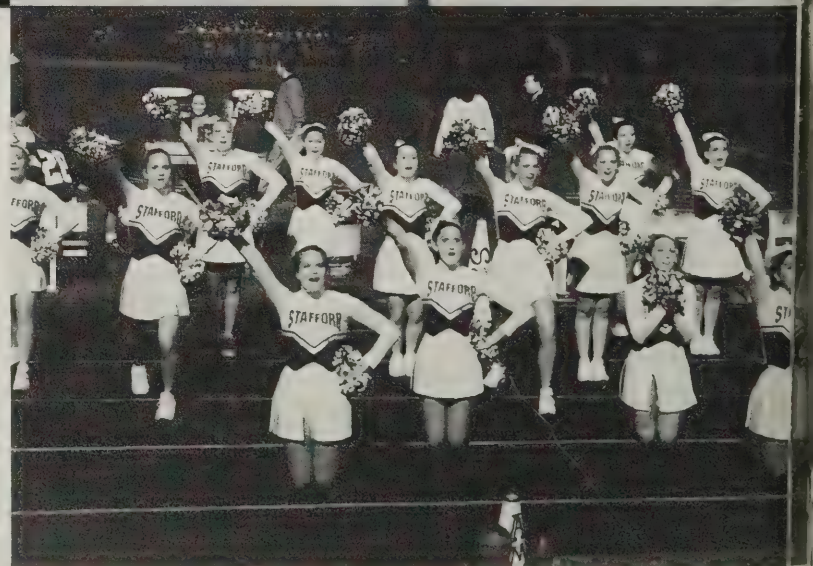
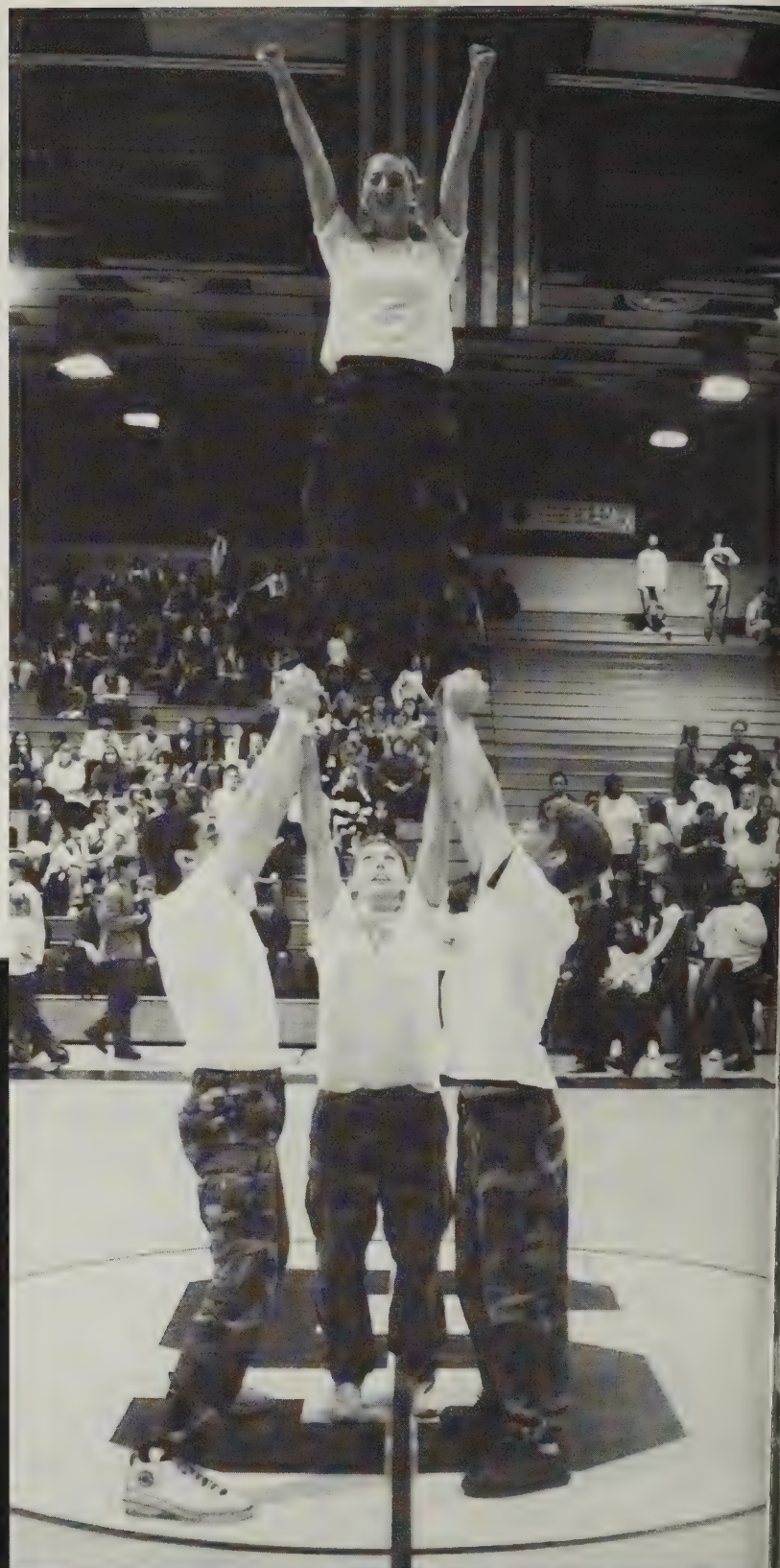
Basketball season soon followed football. "I feel that the cheerleaders are very important to basketball players because they give us encouragement to succeed during the tough parts of the game. I love cheerleaders such as Amber Carpenter and Jenny Garrison!" said Varsity star Hugh Parker. With at least sixty games to cheer the Varsity cheerleaders traveled as far as two hours to support both the girls and boys Varsity teams. In between promoting basketball, the girls and their four male stuntmen prepared for their own competition in March. Incredible skill was involved in competition. Only three minutes was filled with amazing tumbling, crowd-pleasing stunts, strenuous jumps, loud cheers and chants, and also a groovy dance mixed with a short line dance to demonstrate the squad's Indian pride. "Competition is our most extensive and vigorating part of our season. It shows determination and commitment from our squad," said Laurie Mathias.

Although being a Varsity cheerleader meant committing a lot of time and effort, the sport was so much fun for the squad that it was all worthwhile. Over the summer the girls and stuntman Jesse were able to bond at a week of cheerleading camp. Camp was really strenuous, but also a lot of fun for the squad. "The days went by as sleep, cheer, eat, cheer, eat, cheer, eat, cheer and sleep, just to wake up the next day and do it all over again. Camp really built our endurance up," said Allison Rankin. After camp the squad voted for three senior captains. Stefanie Harris along with Amber Carpenter and Jessica Player were chosen as their captains for the year. Pep rallies were also organized completely by the cheerleaders. A top performance occurred this year when coach Ms. Baggett played Britney Spears and danced along with the squad.



**Varsity Cheerleading** Front Row (captains): Jessica Player, Amber Carpenter, Stephanie Harris. Second Row: Angel Dodson, Samantha Welleman, Jenny Garrison, Laurie Mathias, Lindsey Diebold. Third Row: Ann Patton, August Adriani, Allison Rankin, Kristin Maddox, Courtney Johnston, Amy Janis, Aimee Little, Ashley Payne, Lauren Pcsolyar.

Cheerleading is an incredible sport that is being recognized more and more every year. This year's Varsity squad worked extremely well together. They were not afraid to try new stunts, and their performances were enjoyed by all spectators. The varsity squad of 1999-2000 could not have been as successful without their extremely skilled coach, Janet Baggett. Ms. Baggett was constantly organizing the cheerleading schedule and creating different performances to make Stafford cheerleaders the best. "Cheerleading is one of the most demanding, influential, and competitive activities around. Most don't consider us athletes, but if you spent one year in the life of a cheerleader which lasts from May to March, I personally think your view would change. These kids are some of the best athletes in this school. Cheerleading is so much more than just yelling 'Go Team!' The loyalty, dedication, and teamwork that is needed to have a successful year all depends on the need and want that comes from within each of us. As one we are alone, but together we are a TEAM, and in the end that is all that matters," said Ms. Baggett. The dedication of this year's varsity cheerleaders will always be recognized for their support and skill. The sixteen girls and four boys are role models for future Varsity squads. The senior cheerleaders will always remember their last year as their best year! Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.







Opposite Page Top: **Flying High!** *Stafford's stuntmen lift Jessica Player high above the crowd at one of this year's intense pep rallies. All sports teams wore army pants to school to prepare for the war against North Stafford!* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Opposite Page Bottom: **We Are the Indians!** *After quarters the cheerleaders performed during football games in order to enhance the enthusiasm of the crowd. These girls were always super sharp, loud, and smiling at games.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

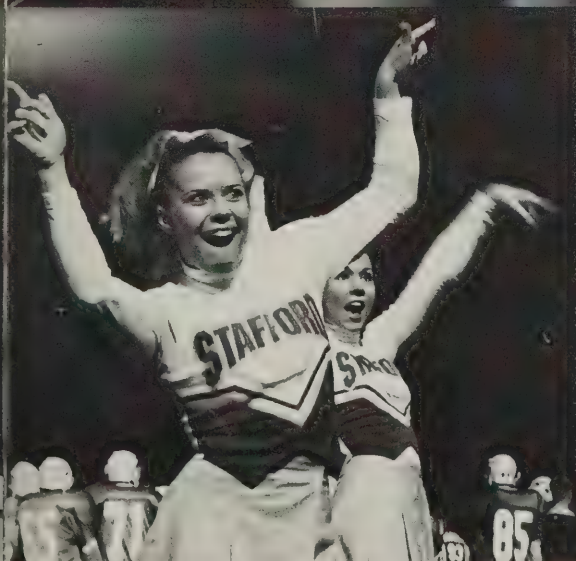


Top Left: **Stafford's in the House!** *Stefanie Harris shows her excitement as the Stafford football team plays hard. Cheerleaders had many cheers that were fun to call as well as fun for the students in the stands to cheer.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Above: **Indian Perfection!** *Stafford cheerleaders made sure their motions were perfect. Senior Lindsey Diebold enjoys her last year of cheering while representing Stafford.* Photo by Mark Hughes.

Far Left: **Give Me Those Facials!** *Varsity cheerleaders Aimee Little and Angel Dodson strive to arouse the crowd. With a winning football team the job wasn't too hard.* Photo by Lesley Wall.

Left: **We Must Continue to Cheer!** *Although Friday nights were extremely cold and even contained certain episodes of cheering in the rain, Varsity cheerleaders never slacked. Amber Carpenter smiles to the crowd while the girls wear their letter jackets to remain warm.* Photo by Lesley Wall.





**Yea Stafford is Good! No, Ferida Meyer isn't doing her best Charlie's Angels pose; she is merely in the third stage of a very complex cheer at one of this year's many pep rallies. The JV team enjoyed the support of their fans.** Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

## Fresh Spirit!

What better way for the freshmen girls to start their high school careers than to cheer on the Indian teams on to victory? The cheerleading program played a large role in the school's overall spirit and sports program. For freshmen this was something new that had not existed in middle school, and it provided a fresh place to focus attention. Freshman cheerleader April Miller said, "Cheering gave me a chance to get a feel for how high school was going to be." Another thing the freshmen cheerleaders enjoyed was the fact that it was a way to meet new people before the year began. Ally Smith said, "My favorite part about cheering was the fact that I met so many people."

Taking the step towards the upper class was the JV cheering team. With one year of experience under their belt, the JV girls gave the freshmen some tips to prepare them for the years ahead. Megan French said, "I enjoy helping out the freshman girls and giving them any assistance they might need." Britt Smith said, "I am looking forward to cheering next year with the other varsity girls." Whether they were helping out the younger girls or aspiring to be the older girls, most of the JV cheerleaders had a good time. Story by Steve Miller.



**Junior Varsity Cheerleading** Front Row: Jill Nelson, Britt Smith. Second Row: Nicky Carper, Ferida Meyer, Jenny Witten. Third Row: Sarah Sullivan, Audrey Freeman, Ashley Dixon, Meaghan French, Jamie Powers, Chanelle Noel, Becky Marlow.



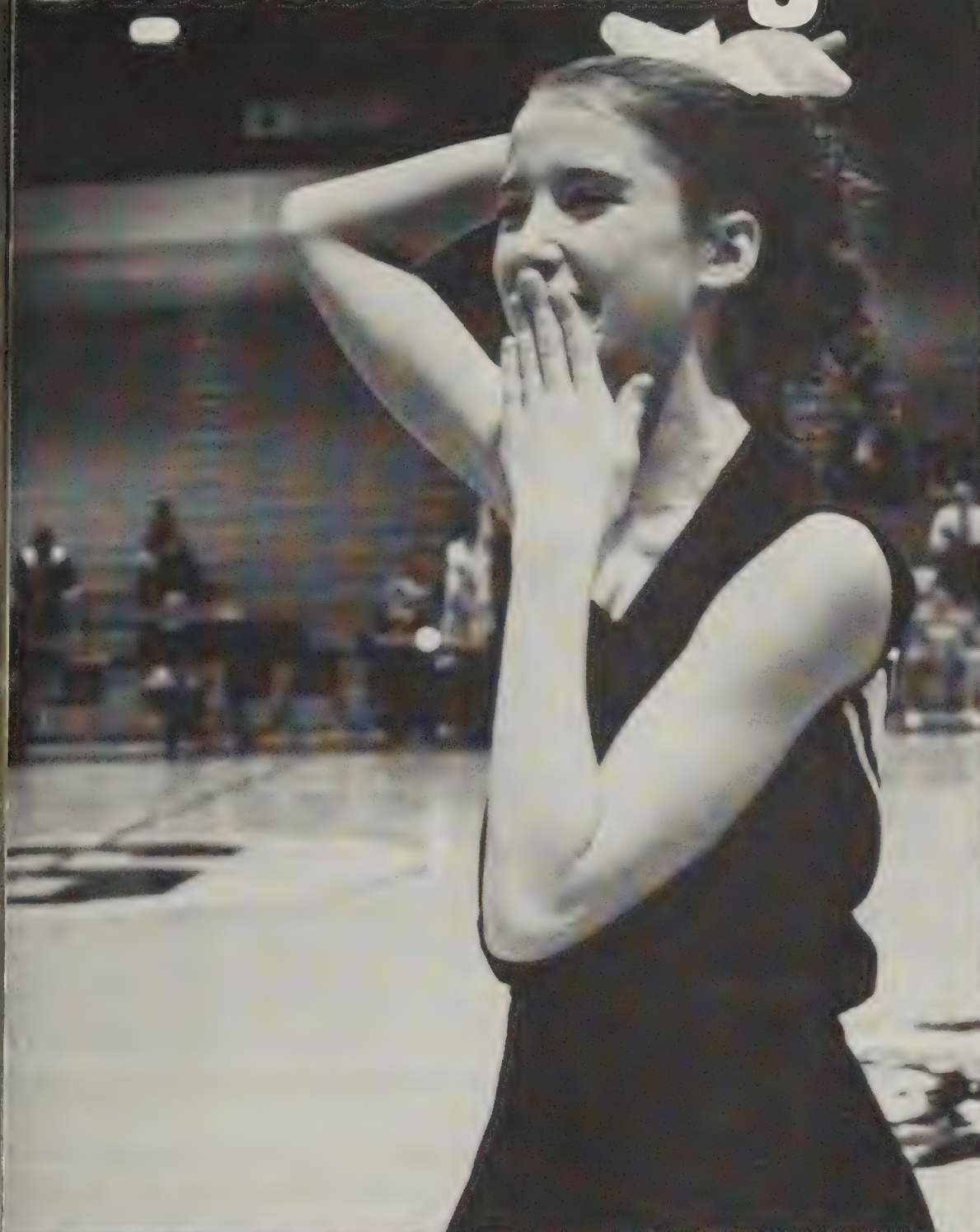
**Freshman Cheerleading** Front Row: Ally Smith, Tiffany Kirby. Second Row: Stephanie Thompson, Jennifer Little, April Miller, Jill Augustine, Meagan Weaver. Third Row: Loren Castro, Carly Jones, Lauren Tyler, Holly Goring.

**I'm in the Front** Tiffany Kirby leads the triangular formation during the freshmen halftime show. The half time festivities were a change of pace at the basketball games. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





# Cheerleading

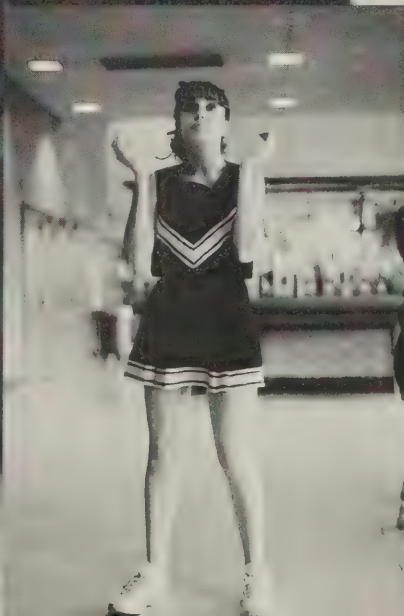


**Left: Indians on the Warpath**  
Megan Hayes gives some emotional war cries at a basketball game. The Indian cheerleaders did their best to intimidate the opposing teams crowd. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Below: Go Stafford, Go** Jennifer Little cheers away at the freshmen basketball game. The freshmen cheerleaders tried to contribute as much as they could to their team's victory. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.



**Far Left: Fists of Fury** Sara Sullivan shows her anger towards the floor by threatening it with her fist; actually she's doing a cheer during one of many girls basketball games. Cheerleaders gave the basketball games life during slow spots. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.



**Left: Preparation is the Key** Loren Castro sykes herself up before a freshmen basketball game. The freshmen cheerleaders found it comforting to run through their cheers before the game. Photo by Rebecca Graham.





**Varsity Indianettes** First Row: Megan Duvall, Ashley Pollpeter, Jennifer Farr. Second Row: Jamie Rittenour, Katie Carter, Brandy Sharp, Laura Yates. Third Row: Kristi Bryant, Meghan Snellings, Kathleen Brooks, Kristie Boyd, Lynn Johnson, Brandi Lauderman, Nicolle Greer, Sarah Bailey, Lindsey Gaines, Christy Walker.



**Junior Varsity Indianettes** First Row: Megan Stutzman, captain, Karla Yingling, captain. Second Row: Susan Smith, Jennifer Harrison, April Angilletta, Erin McSpadden, Krystal Swidrak. Third Row: Tara Rose, Tiffany Hughes, Amanda Fiel, Erin McLenagan, Laci Aney, Rebecca Bradman. Fourth Row: Shannon Price, Michelle Burton, Lisa Richardson, Carie Abel, Annie Nguyen, Ashley Smith.

**Top: You Wanna See Spirit?** Perhaps the most spirited of the whole bunch of Indianettes this year was Miss Katie Carter herself, dancing here at a football game with Ashley Pollpeter and Tiffany Hite. At basketball and football games alike, the dance team was always able to get a rise out of the crowd in the stands this year. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Right: Break it Down** The Indianettes begin one of their many exciting routines this year at a football game. Many of the girls can be credited with coming up with many of the ingenious and exciting dance moves they performed this year. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





# Drill & Step Team

## *Dance the Night Away*

What would a basketball or football game have been like this year without the entertainment that only the Step Team and the Indianettes could provide? With their spunk, spirit, and dedication, both teams pepped up the crowd at various sporting events throughout the year. Katie Carter, a senior captain of the Indianettes, said, "This is my first year of Indianettes, and I'm really glad I joined the team." Practicing up to two hours each day, the girls worked hard to make each practice count. Both coaches, Mrs. Boose for the step team, and Mrs. Watts for the Indianettes, devoted most of their after school time to helping their teams perform their best. Brandi Lauderman, another senior member of the drill team said, "I love our team and really enjoyed the time we got to spend together this year." Jennifer Farr, captain of the dance team, commented, "Dance team has been a big part of high school for me, and the friends I've met while dancing have been great. I love to perform during the basketball and football games." Both teams made the pep rallies and games so much more exciting and interesting. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*

**Left: Who Put You to the Test?** Step leader Ghia Bailey leads the team in one of their pep rally performances. The Step Team did a great job of exciting the crowd and invoking the students with spirit. Photo by Kevin Louder.

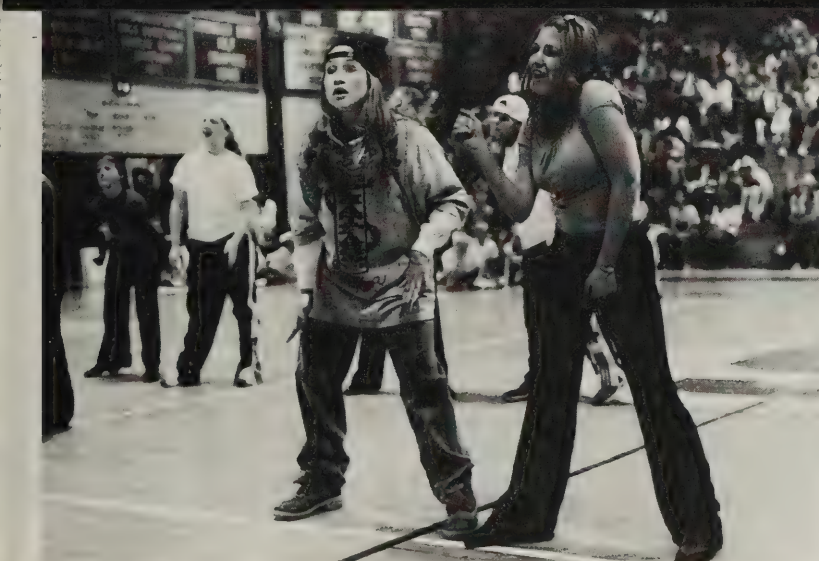


**Step Team** *Front Row:* LaTeasha Cooper, Brandon Brown, Eboni Mathewson *Second Row:* Tasha Mickens, Ashley Jordan, Christina Taylor, Candace Russel, Jeneen Spruill, Whitney Wells-Stokes, Katie Ruffato, Nicole Wilson, Duane Brown.



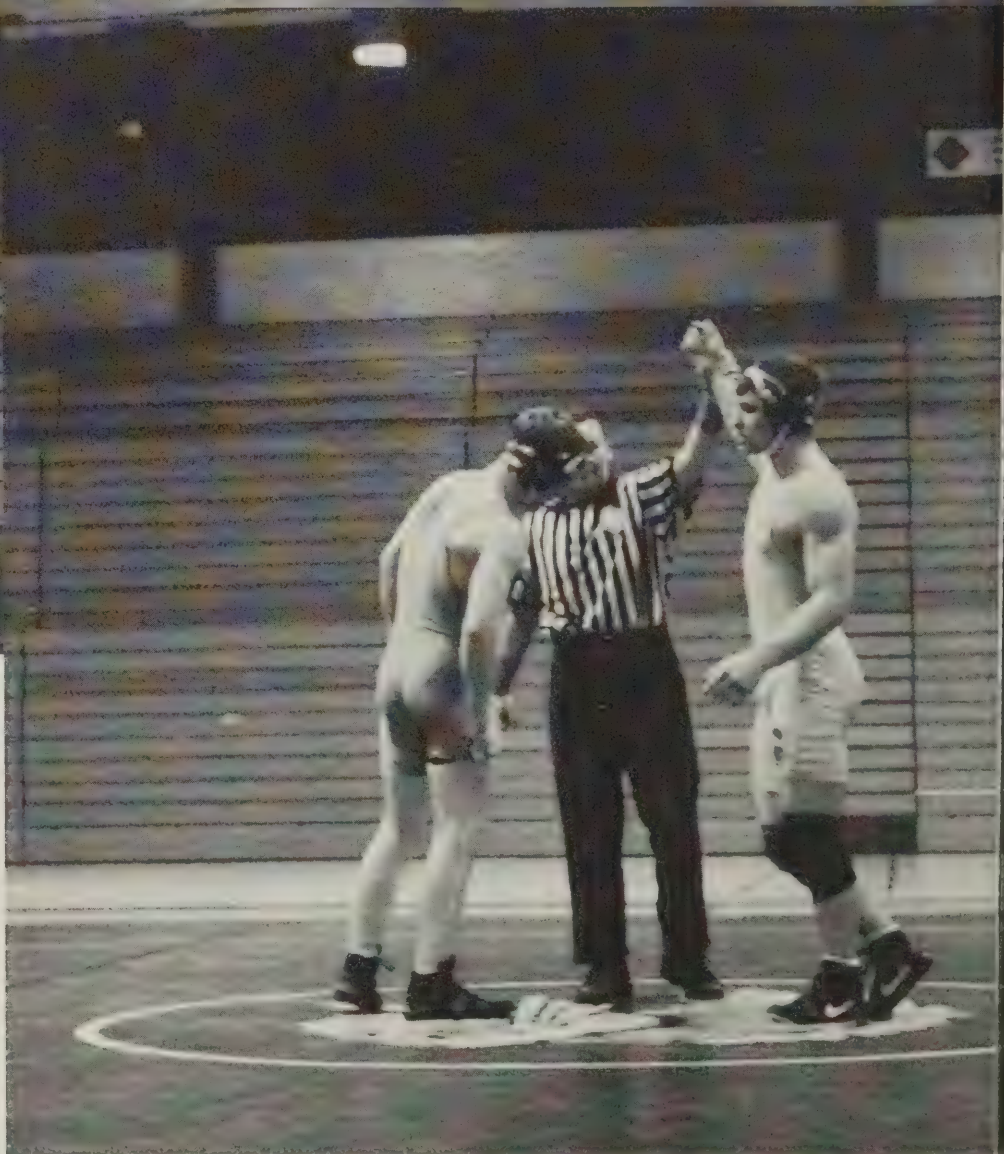
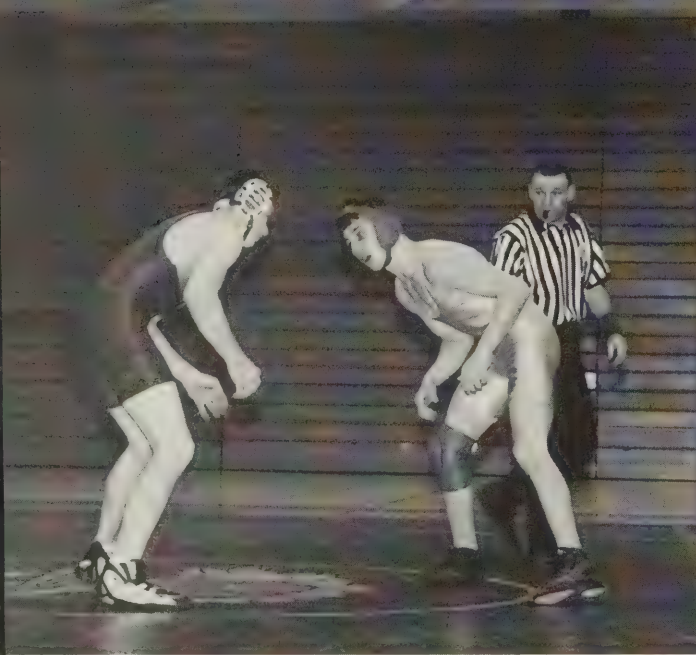
**Above: We Can Get Down** Veteran members of the Step Team Eboni Mathewson, Ghia Bailey, and Tasha Mickens lead the rest of the team through a dance routine at one of the many basketball games at which they performed this year. Being on the Step Team not only meant practicing after school, but also spending many Friday nights performing at various sporting events. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

**Left: Heartbreaker** Indianettes Megan Duvall and Ashley Pollpeter give their rendition of the song "Heartbreaker" by Mariah Carey at a pep rally. Awesome costumes and dance moves helped excite the crowd whenever the dance team performed. Photo by Emily Dursa.





# Wrestling



**Top: Yep, I Got 'Em!** Joe O'Sullivan wrestles with confidence as he pins one of North Stafford's wrestlers. This year Stafford's wrestling team placed high, with 3 district champions. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Above: Are You Ready?** Thomas McClelland studies his opponent before going in for the attack. Wrestlers always needed to be prepared before they started to wrestle. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Right: And the Winner Is. . .** Joe O'Sullivan successfully finished his match against North Stafford with a win. Stafford's wrestling team won many of their matches over the season. Photo by Lindsay Hession.



## 1... 2... 3... Pin!

The season started with lots of hard work and continuous running to get everyone fit, and in the end, with every one in their best shape, Stafford finished with a bright outcome. As Justin Gibson said, "There was a lot of hard work involved with all of the training that we had to go through, but in the end we all had fun!" Last year, Stafford's wrestling team had three district champions, like Justin Gibson himself who placed first at districts and second and regionals. Everyone was very proud of Justin and others that placed highly. "We were surprised at how some of us finished this season. We had an outcome that nobody expected, and when we finished with three district champions, we were all very surprised," Chris Hoble said. Wrestlers started conditioning and training early in the year with continuous laps around the school, inside and out. When they weren't running, they were doing various exercises in the hot auxiliary gym. Being a wrestler, there were many different skills and techniques that you would need to know in order to get yourself out of trouble when you're out on the mat wrestling for the points. "It was hard work, but fun at the same time," Joe O'Sullivan said. No matter what sport you played or what team you were on, there were always hard practices; however, by the time the season is over, knowing how well your team finished, you knew it was all worth it. *Story by Megan French.*



**Wrestling:** Front Row: Mike Carter, Randy Stewart, Justin Gibson, Josh Moore, Joe DiPeppe Second Row: Kenny Hanes, Mike Meyers, Scott Hatcher, Phillip Richards, Greg Domeleski, Julian Langa, Chris Hottle Third Row: D.J. Eagal, Shawn Posey, Nick Whelpley, Thomas McClelland, Will Hroe, Brach Harrel, Joe O'Sullivan, Steven Whelpley, Chris Hilleary

Bottom Left: **I Almost Got Ya!** Randy Stewart fights to keep his winning streak in his match against North Stafford. At the end of the season, Randy placed as one of Stafford's three district champions. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

Bottom Right: **Wow** Where'd he learn that move? Coach Richard Hilleary and his team watch the match intently. Even when you weren't wrestling, you could still learn new things. Photo by Lindsay Hession.

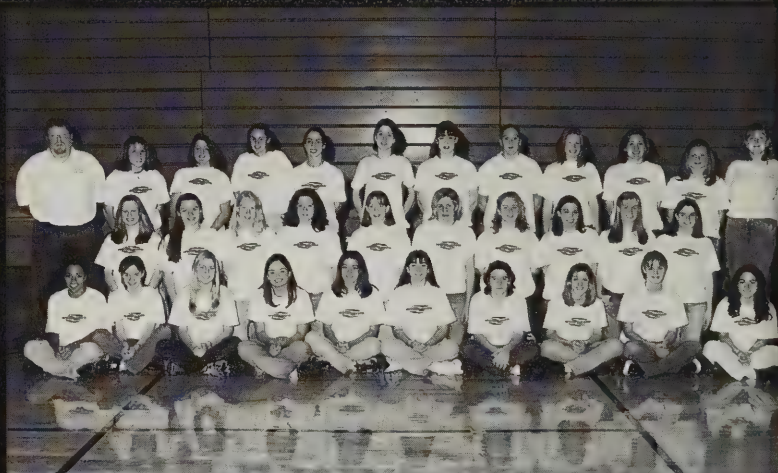




# Swimming



**Boys Swimming:** *Front Row:* Andrew Jarneke, John Clegg, Gerald Trembley, Ryan Chewning, David Katz, John Trembley, Jeff Adcock *Second Row:* Matt Catalano, Brandt Adams, Chris Fuller, Eric Martin, Robert Thompson, Travis Scrugly, Scott Perkins, Eric Wall *Third Row:* Mr. Raymond, David Payne, Arend Bolthouse, Mark Crosnicker, Eric Dowling, Bill Benson, Kevin Louder, Josh Thompson, Asst. Coach Buchanan



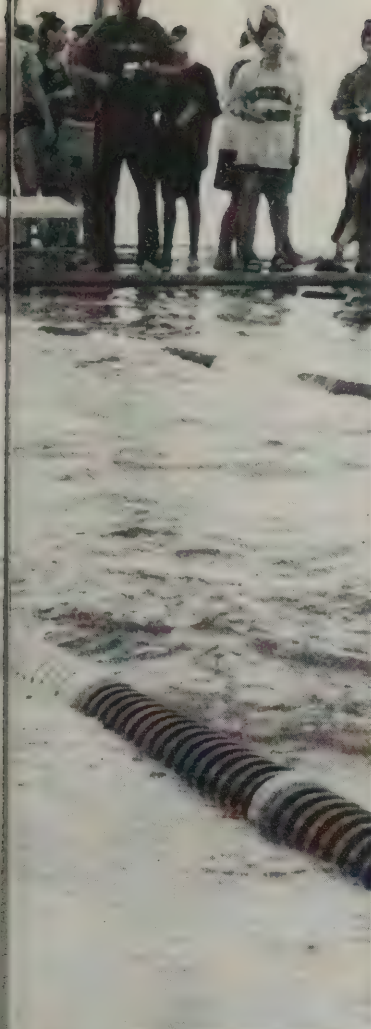
**Girls Swimming:** *Front Row:* Lisa Maloney, Rebekah Smart, Ashley Dowling, Heather Akin, Katherine Thompson, Christie Martens, Jessica Dewitt, Emily Martens, Leigh Wilhoit, Zaahira Wyne *Second Row:* Lesley Wall, Amanda Zawora, Sarah Stamps, Kelly Powers, Sally York, Maggi Chamberlain, Krystina Palmer, Alli Fuller, Lisa Thomas, Erin Hughes *Third Row:* Coach Raymond, Amanda Fetter, Lauren Wood, Sarah Heffner, Ashley Belyea, Ka Godfrey, Emily Dursa, Kelly Moore, Katie Catalano, Erin Wood, Caitlyn Faller, Asst. Coach Buchanan

Top: **Goin' for the gold!** *The crowd looks on as Michelle Atkinson speeds down her lane for the 100 yard butterfly.* Photo by Lesley Wall.

Right: **Patient Onlookers** *John Trembley, Gerald Trembley, Lauren Wood, and Ashley Belyea look on as they watch their teammates succeed at the District meet.* Photo by Lesley Wall.







## Boys Swimming

Massaponax .....	W .....	162-117
Spotsylvania .....	W .....	199-38
North Stafford .....	W .....	170-114
Brooke Point .....	L .....	112-174
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	212-70

Claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> in districts, 4<sup>th</sup> in regionals, and 21<sup>st</sup> in states. Ryan Chewning placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at states

## Girls Swimming

Massaponax .....	W .....	194-91
Spotsylvania .....	W .....	185-58
North Stafford .....	W .....	148-138
Brooke Point .....	W .....	182-103
Colonial Forge .....	W .....	217-58

Won districts, placed 9<sup>th</sup> in region.

# Making Waves

The saying "practice makes perfect" was a true statement for Stafford's swim team. This was proven by their awesome performances at each of their meets. Practice was held each day after school at the YMCA, and meets were always on Friday nights. With the amount of time that the team spent together, an important union was formed. "We've got a great team! We all pull together!" commented Lisa Maloney. The stress level was easily elevated for the swimmers because of the need to balance school, swimming, and other everyday activities. "Practices take up a lot of our time, but I find the time to do my homework and stay on top of things," said Kevin Louder. With dedication and a lot of hard work, the swim team did a terrific job at each level of competition. At districts the girls placed first and the boys second, at Regionals the girls placed ninth and the boys fourth, and at state competitions both gave all their effort. Erin Hughes, proud of the team's performance said, "We had a lot of tough competitions throughout the season, but we prevailed, and Districts was awesome!" *Story by Robyn P. Good.*



Above: **Ready to Go!** Ryan Chewning waits patiently for the signal to begin his 100 yard backstroke at the regional meet. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Left: **Breaking Records!** Amanda Fetter swims with incredible speed during the 100 yard breast stroke, as she breaks the current record. Photo by Lesley Wall.



## Third Best in the State

Once again the varsity gymnastics team defended their first place title and became 2000's Commonwealth District Champions. They continued their streak at the Northwest Regional competition by taking first in every event and as a team. The finale of their competing season ended at the State meet held at Lake Braddock High School, with a third place finish. "Our hard work enabled us to perform at our best," said Allison Rankin. "We came into states very well-prepared for our competition, even though we were definitely surprised about the talent that we saw when we arrived," said Aimee Little. "Though I have to say, we caused a few surprised glances as well."

The girls spent two-and-half strenuous hours in the humid auxiliary gym day after day, refining their techniques and tuning up their skills to prepare themselves for competition. "They have the talent to do anything they want, and it showed at every meet," said Shaun Smith, who was the coach of the gymnastics team this year. "Wendy Payne has coached the girls throughout the years, so it was a hard position to fill, but the girls made it easy, and I enjoyed every moment of victory."

For a few of the girls, this was their last year of competition in the sport of gymnastics. "My body is getting old, and the daily pounding on my bones and muscles has finally taken it's toll, but I've never regretted one moment," said senior Sara Edwards. Angel Dodson is also a senior this year and she has this to say in dedication to her team: "Even though my whole life for the past 12 years has been about gymnastics, the last four years have meant the most to me. We are the most talented, dedicated, hard working team at Stafford, and I will miss my teammates very much, but I will always carry my memories with me." *Story by Laurie Mathias.*

### Staying on Top of Things

*Flexibility, strength, and balance are a combination of difficulty that gymnasts are able to display not only on the balance beam, but on all other events as well.*

*Jennifer Whited demonstrates her talent on the beam. "I love the sport, and it enables me to do things that other people couldn't even imagine trying to do."*

*Photo by*

*Joanne Yednock.*



**Gymnastics:** *Front Row:* Allison Rankin, Angel Dodson, Jennifer Little, Annie Strickler, Sara Edwards, Jennifer Whited *Second Row:* Sara Brown, Nikki Noel, Chanelle Noel, Tiffany Kerby, Aimee Littlee

**Faster... Higher...** Allison Rankin feels "THE POWER!" The uneven bars are an event that many enjoy to watch, and Allison had the ability to make it look easy. *Photo by Joanne Yednock.*

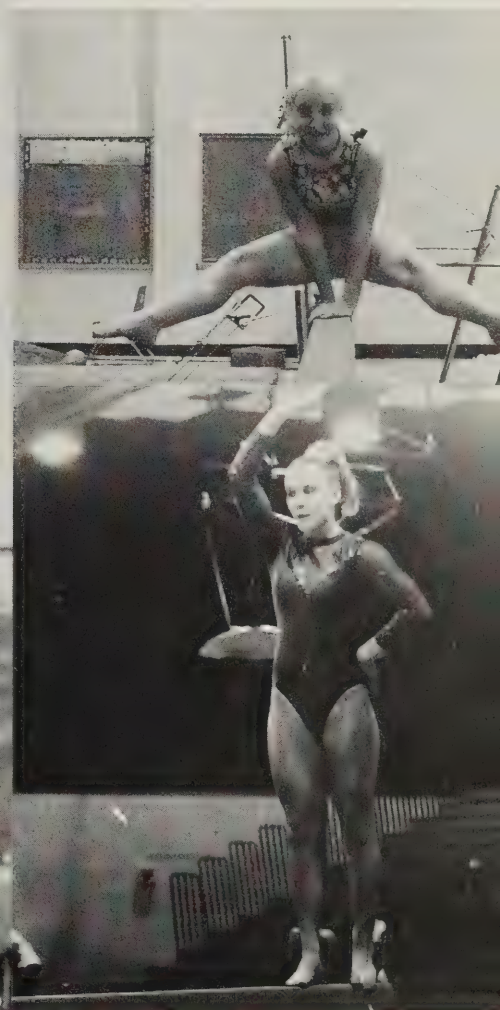






**True Balance** Chanelle Noel performs her beam routine, using the beams measurements, 4 inches wide and 4 feet tall, to her advantage. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Strength** Annie Stricker strikes a pose on the balance beam. Gymnasts use their strength to enable them to perform certain skills. Stafford used their strength not only in their skills, but also in their motivation for victory. Photo by Joanne Yednock.



**On Her Toes** Sarah Brown displays both the talents of balance and grace while competing on the balance beam. Sarah was both Commonwealth District and Northwest Regional Champion in the All-Around event for the second year in a row. Photo by Jessica Player.

# Gymnastics



**Serving Up...** Concentrating on her form, Cassie Schultz practices her serves before a match. Photo by Jennifer Yednock.

**Patience is a Virtue...** With walkie-talkie in hand, Renee Beard sits on the bleachers, waiting to be needed somewhere. Photo by Heather Akin.



**Do You Think I Could Carry Anything More?** Holding everything needed for the boys basketball game, Jessica Nimmo has got everything under control. Photo by Heather Akin.

# Volleyball







# Athletic Trainers

## *Anybody Need Ice?*

Athletic trainers are the ones lurking in the shadows, the people who no one ever thinks to look for, yet they are almost as vital as the athletes. This year Stafford had seven ladies who volunteered to be sports trainers, each of whom trained during a different season: fall, winter, or spring. "This is my second year being an athletic trainer, and I think it's a great way of being a part of the team," said Heather Akin. Angela Harding taught the class of sports medicine here at Stafford and set up the program that allowed students to get an experience of dealing with the most common injuries on the athletic field. "Student athletic trainers are very important to the athletic programs at Stafford," said Mrs. Harding. "The girls put a lot of time and dedication into the athletic training program; without them my job wouldn't be as successful."

One of the luxuries of being an athletic trainer was the opportunity to travel with the teams. "My favorite part about being a trainer is going to games and competitions with the teams," said Jessica Nimmo. "They make you feel like you are a very important part of the program." This was Jessica's third year as a trainer, and over the years she has had the joy of having the nickname "Trainer Girl." She even has it on her license plates; that shows some dedication! *Story by Laurie Mathias.*



**Athletic Trainers:** *Front Row:* Shannon Downham, Renee' Beard, Nyssa Glenn *Second Row:* Zoe Zerbe, Heather Akin, Jessica Nimmo



**Volleyball** *Front Row:* Rebecca Caruthers, Sara Edwards, Shanna Hylton, Amanda Zawora *Second Row:* Darbe Hummer, Ariel Zwerg, Ashley Crooks, Maryanne Yednock, Sally York, Melissa Wilson, Jessica Nimmo (Trainer) *Third Row:* Lacy Detwiler, Kristen Ripley, Sarah Zoric, Cassie Shultz, Allison Spillane, Katy Clore, Jean Cornwell, Coach Eashoo.



**Top Left: If That's What It Takes...** Meaghan Vrabel uses her whole body to hit the ball in hopes of it reaching the other side of the net. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*

**Middle Left: Stretching Him To His Limits...** Heather Akin uses the techniques that she learned from Mrs. Harding to stretch Oliver Goldman before practice. *Photo by Matt Catalano.*

**Left: One Hard Dive...** Amanda Zawora shows her real dedication on the court. *Photo by Jennifer Yednock.*



# Track athletes sprint to success!

For some athletes the track season was year-round. Dedicated students participated in both winter and spring track. The difficulties the runners and jumpers faced were often strenuous, but there was nothing this year's team could not accomplish. There were many activities involved with track besides running various distances. Stafford track stars also participated in the high jump, the triple jump, the pole vault, and other events that required great strength of the body. Matt Catalano said, "I have two goals this spring track season: to take district pole vault and to get a tan!" Matt was not the only one on the team with confidence. The team showed great support for each other. There was so much encouragement between the members of the track team that there was much success brought to both the girls and the guys. Mike Groff commented, "It's the greatest when Justin Beck screams while all the other runners have their heads between their legs, vomiting." Justin Beck was just one of those athletes who always showed his determination and skill. He said, "I love the feeling of coming from behind and demolishing other people."

There were a number of students who were talented in track. Brothers Justin and Derek Salerno both enjoyed the sport and were extremely talented track stars at Stafford. Track is an awesome sport for one's body and endurance. Angie Mathis said she is involved with track because "Track builds up my endurance when I'm not in basketball season." The team went to districts and many students advanced to regional and state competitions. Coaches such as Mr. Ocheltree, Mr. Justice, Mr. Gorfida, and Mr. Butler supported all members and prepared the athletes for competition. This year's track team loved the sport and made many great performances for Stafford to remember.

Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.

## Track & Field

Pacer I-95 Classic .....	March 25
Brooke Point/Colonial Forge .....	April 5
Gojekian Relays .....	April 8
Qualifying Meet .....	April 12
Obie Calhoun Invitational .....	April 15
Brooke Point .....	April 18
Stafford Relays .....	April 28
Chancellor Invitational .....	April 29
T.C. Williams .....	May 6
Qualifying Meet .....	May 10
Twilight Classic .....	May 13
Districts at Brooke Point .....	May 19
Regionals at UVA .....	May 28
State AAA Meet @ Richmond .....	June 9 & 10



**Spring Track** *Front Row:* Nyssa Glenn, Larisa Washburn, Rebekah Smart, Johnathan Schremp, Josh Lamont, Travis Abeyta, Chanelle Noel. *Second Row:* Bonnie Ludlow, Angie Mathis, Maria Hingle, Ashleigh Covington, Michelle Ulrich, Justin Beck, Bill Kugler, Tashia Collins, Crystal Gooden, Latoya White. *Third Row:* Bernardo Rodriguez, Peter Bennet, Matt Blose, Ashley Belyea, Lori Tyler, Ashley Crooks, Katie Catalano, Deppa Patel, Tony Ebron. *Fourth Row:* Dee Green, Jamel Ramsuer, Derek Salerno, Steve Miller, Justin Salerno, Wayne Barnum, Robert Wickline, Brittany Lee, Sarah Zoric.



**Facing The Challenge** Track included many difficult events that tested an athletes' strength. Chanelle Noel prepares for the pole vault event while other track athletes watch and give support. Photo by Jessica Player.

**Oh, How We Loved Those Agilities!** Michelle Ulrich and Veronique Noel warm up before track practice. Track athletes participated in many warm-up drills before meets as well as practices.

Photo by Diana Price.





# Track



**Soaring High!** Even when just warming up, Matt Catalano has great height. His top performances were in the pole vault event. Photo by Diana Price.

**Don't Stop. Don't Ever Stop!** Track runners Laurie Tyler, Ashley Crooks, and Rebekah Smart try their hardest to run the distance. Runners had to have confidence and determination in order to keep going. Photo by Diana Price.







**Four!** Carson Tyson kicks a ball during practice. The boys spent a lot of time practicing drills that would improve their form. Photo by Meghan Wilson.

# Boys Soccer



**Varsity Boys Soccer** Front Row: Chris Janney, Johnny Cabaniss, Richie Dickenson, Shane Grizzle, Josh Thompson, Ian Campbell, Justin Hall Second Row: Mike Groff, Adam Lust, Dan Algert, Eric Wall Third Row: Josh Early, Carson Tyson, Kevin Louder, Jake Ryan, Matt Bland, Arend Bolthouse, Jeff Denson



**JV Boys Soccer** Front Row: Chris Hottle, Taylor Galloway, John Clegg, Patrick Fenton, Anthony Varga, Jeff Adcock Second Row: Gio Baez, Micheal Hilleary, Carty Chichester, Micheal Meyers, Jeff Fabian, Randy Newton, Blake Willis Third Row: Todd Fenton, Ricky Thoroughgood, Eric Hurlan, Kevin Thompson, Matt Woodson, Nathan Thompson, Coach Justin Woodside

Right: **It's Mine!** Kevin Louder and goalie Ian Campbell fight for the ball in a Shirts vs. Skins scrimmage during practice. Practice usually ended in a scrimmage; this was the time when the players could use their newly acquired skills. Photo by Emily Dursa.



Far Right: **Standing By...** Coach Woodside watches Blake Willis handle the soccer ball at practice. The coaches tried to give the same amount of attention to each and every player. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.







### Boys Varsity Soccer

James Monroe .....	March 21
Culpeper .....	March 24
Faquier .....	March 29
Sherando .....	March 31
Faquier .....	April 4
Potomac .....	April 7
Colonial Forge .....	April 11
Jamed Wood .....	April 14
North Stafford .....	April 25
Brooke Point .....	May 2
Colonial Forge .....	May 5
Culpeper .....	May 9
North Stafford .....	May 12
Brooke Point .....	May 19

### Boys Junior Varsity Soccer

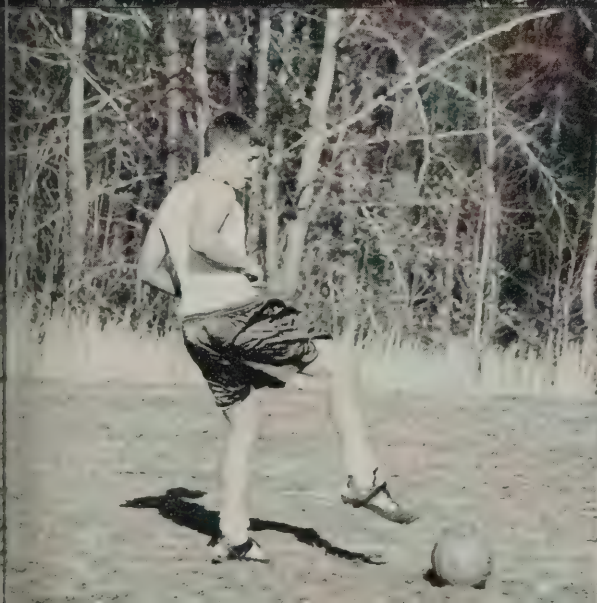
James Monroe .....	March 21
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## Just kickin'

The soccer team was very hopeful this year. With 5 seniors, a couple of underclassmen, and the rest of the team made up of juniors, the new head-coach, Mr. Swayze said, "We are really looking forward to a great season. I think we'll be very strong; these guys work hard for me every day!" The players themselves were less enthused about their hard practices. "We're like the Energizer Bunnies! We just keep going and going and going! We run so much every day and then do drills and scrimmages!" said Jeff Denson. The boys practiced at Pratt Park for the first time this season. They played soccer for almost two hours every day after school. Johnny Cabaniss put it best when he said, "The soccer team is hard-core!" *Story by Ashley Dameron.*

**Below Left: Takin' Shots...** *Matt Bland takes a shot on the goal. Practice makes perfect, and our boys practiced up for a great season—and a lot of goals.*  
*Photo by Megan Hewitt.*

**Below: It's Comin'!** *Arend Bolthouse tries to get the ball around Jake Ryan. These one-on-one exercises helped to improve both the offensive and defensive skills of the players.* *Photo by Emily Dursa.*



**Left: Get In Line!** *Taylor Galloway looks on as the ball floats through the air. These practice kicks were just another type of drill used during practice.*  
*Photo by Ashley Ludlow.*

**Far Left: Hey! Get Back Here!** *Mike Meyer toes a ball before practice. Warm-up was a big part of the pre-practice routine since once practice started, there was no time to mess around.* *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*



## Take It to the Goal

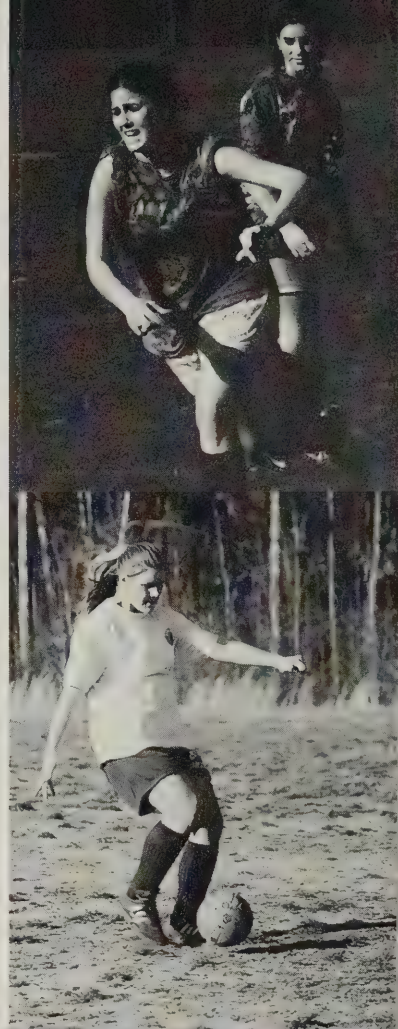
As the girl's soccer season began, the girls looked to day after day of practice as well as hard work and dedication to prepare them for yet another exciting season. The girls conditioned and practiced defensive and offense ball strategies under the guidance of Mr. Agnew, Mrs. Masterton, and Mrs. Dixon. Sophomore Varsity team member Ashley Dowling said, "We're practicing really hard now, hoping to come up with some big wins early on in the season." They girls practiced every day after school, with the varsity girls going on to practice at Pratt Park. The girls even had to brave some extremely early mornings for the before school practices Mr. Agnew so knows and loves. Senior Jessica Player said, "It's tough practicing in the mornings, but we know it will all pay off." No matter what, you can be sure that all the girls enjoyed being out there. Between the coaches and the teamwork, girls soccer is one of the most fun and exciting sports to play as well as watch at Stafford High School. "After all," said senior goalie Sara Stamps, "we all just love to be out here." *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*

### Girls Varsity Soccer

James Monroe	March 21
Culpeper	March 24
Fauquier	March 29
Sherando	March 31
Fauquier	April 4
Potomac	April 7
Colonial Forge	April 11
Jamed Wood	April 14
North Stafford	April 25
Brooke Point	May 2
Colonial Forge	May 5
Culpeper	May 9
North Stafford	May 12
Brooke Point	May 19

### Girls Junior Varsity Soccer

James Monroe	March 21
Culpeper	March 24
Fauquier	March 29
Sherando	March 31
Fauquier	April 4
Potomac	April 7
Colonial Forge	April 11
Jamed Wood	April 14
North Stafford	April 25
Brooke Point	May 2
Colonial Forge	May 5
Culpeper	May 9
North Stafford	May 12
Brooke Point	May 19



**Varsity Girls Soccer** *Front Row:* Rebecca Caruthers, Heather Groff, Amy Gallivan, Ashley Dowling, Cassie Govan, Amanda Roberts, Anne Jacoby *Second Row:* Sarah Stamps, Tracey Lipscomb, Emily Ryan, Allison Groff, Angela Feindt, Kelly Coppage, Lorrie Watts, Bobbi Decatur, Jessica Player, Jessica Dewitt



**JV Girls Soccer** *Front Row:* Lindsey Piester *Second Row:* Megan Pearce, Kathy Gardner, Aimee Scott, Tiffany Kerby, Nikki Noel, Emily Martens, Amber Duffy, Jennifer Hession, Elizabeth Phillips *Third Row:* Christie Martens, Kaitlyn Faller, Kelly Moore, Erica Robinson, Alison Spillane, Jennifer Janis, Andria Caruso, Maggi Chamberlain

**Right: Warm it Up** Goalies Christie Martens and Caitlyn Faller warm up before practice. Warm up, for goalies especially, was crucial to ensure that you wouldn't get hurt while running or playing. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

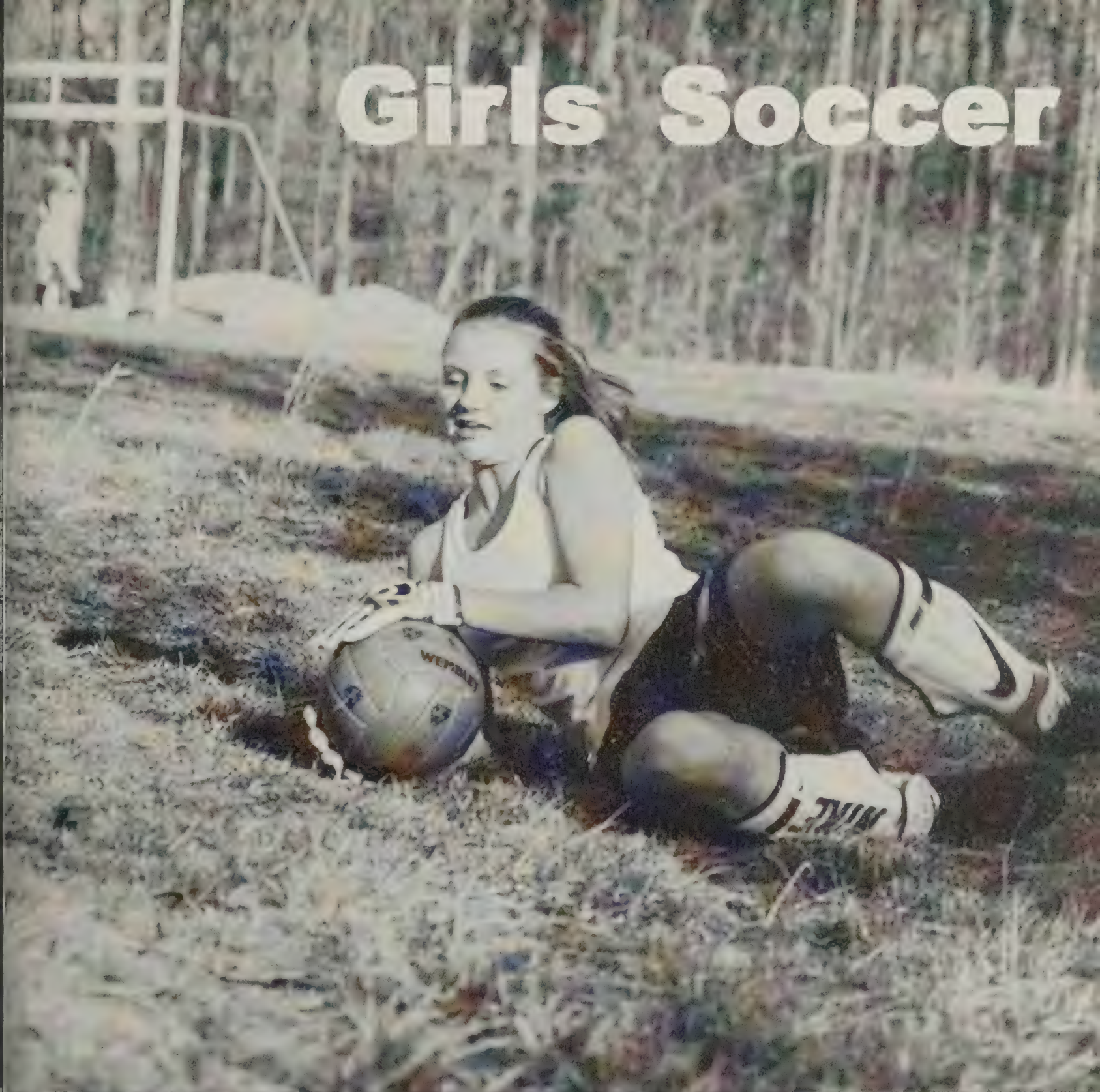
**Top Right: Charge!** Sophomore Emily Ryan charges the goal as Amy Gallivan looks on. Aggression was a key asset to the girls soccer team this year. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*

**Middle Right: Down the Field** J.V. soccer player Jennifer Janis dribbles the ball down the open field during a drill at soccer practice. Many of the drills the girls did prepared them offensively and defensively for their season ahead. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*





# Girls Soccer



**Above: Dive!** J.V. girl's soccer goalie, Caitlyn Faller dives for a loose ball during practice. Diving was one of the many practices goalies had to warm up to in order to make their season a successful one. Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.



**Left: Wide Open Spaces** Ashley Dowling dribbles down the wide open field at Pratt Park during practice after school. Stafford's varsity soccer teams practiced at Pratt Park because of more field space. Photo by Sarah Bryant.

**Far Left: I Got It!** Bobbi Decatur runs after a loose ball during a day of practice at Pratt. Offensive drills like these helped the girls learn to put pressure on the goal. Photo by Sarah Bryant.



# Baseball



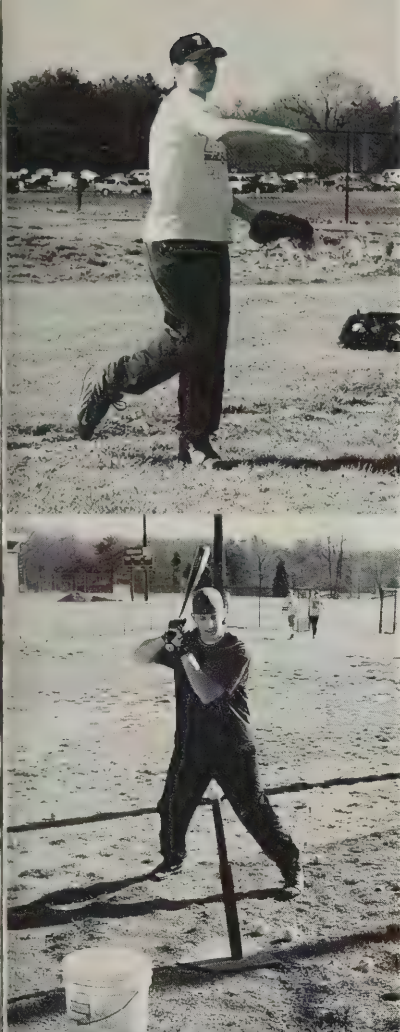
**Just A Little Bit Closer!** *Dustin Wood works on his batting at practice one day. All of the baseball players worked on improving their skills in various ways. Photo by Desiree Orwat.*

**Right: Let's See Him Hit This One!** *J. R. Roysten works on his pitching so that he can strike out all his opponents and win the game for the team. Photo by Emily Dursa.*

**Far Right: Feel The Burn!** *Steven Whelpley stretches before practice. The team always stretched together before splitting up on their own. Photo by Desiree Orwat.*







## Varsity Baseball

Culpeper .....	March 24
Chancellor .....	March 28
Faquier .....	March 29
Sherando .....	March 31
Faquier .....	April 4
Osborn Park .....	April 5
Colonial Forge .....	April 11
James Wood .....	April 14
Tournament Richmond .....	April 17-21
North Stafford .....	April 25
Osborn Park .....	April 27
Chancellor .....	May 1
Brooke Point .....	May 2
Colonial Forge .....	May 5
Culpeper .....	May 9
North Stafford .....	May 12
Brooke Point .....	May 19

## Junior Varsity Baseball

Culpeper .....	March 24
Chancellor .....	March 28
Faquier .....	March 29
Sherando .....	March 31
Faquier .....	April 4
Osborn Park .....	April 5
Colonial Forge .....	April 11
James Wood .....	April 14
North Stafford .....	April 25
Osborn Park .....	April 27
Chancellor .....	May 1
Brooke Point .....	May 2
Colonial Forge .....	May 5
Culpeper .....	May 9
North Stafford .....	May 12
Brooke Point .....	May 19

## We Want a Homerun!

They hit, throw, catch, run, and slide. They're Stafford High School's baseball team. The returning players were all looking forward to the upcoming season. "We are really looking forward to the baseball season this year, as we do every year. We have a lot of good seniors returning from last year's team, and we think we will be able to have a good chance of winning districts!" Brad Hayes said.

The baseball team had many long hours of practice throughout the whole season in order to achieve their goals and be the best team that they could be. When asked about their thoughts of winning districts, Jonathan Cribbs said, "Our chance in winning districts is very good because of our coach and our team!"

Like every other sport at Stafford High School, it consists of hard work, training and determination. As Jeremy Raines said, "This year on Varsity we want to have a great season, which means there will be a lot of hard work." The team all agrees that this year was going to be one of their best seasons ever since the coaches worked the team harder, and the players wanted to win districts even more. *Story by Megan French.*



**JV Baseball** *Front Row:* Matt Conley, David Marcom, Thomas McClelland, Dustin Wood, Jason Swidrak, Shawn Phipps, Charlie Elmore *Second Row:* Coach Colucci, Richard Beard, Jon Hoffman, Nick Colon, Jason Sullivan, Steven Whelpley, Kevin Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Willie Roysten



**Varsity Baseball** *Front Row:* Jeremy Raines, Steven Love, Brandon Yonts, Nick Welpley, Dan Melvin, Jason Dauch *Second Row:* Coach Neatrour, Joey Newton, Jeff Swidrak, Justin Crabtree, JR Roysten, Ben Parsons, Sean Bast, John Rerucha, Mike Farley, Jason Phipps



**Left: Owww, This Hurts!** *Joey Newton does various exercises to strengthen his arms before practice. Baseball players had to have strong arms in order to throw the ball fast and hard.* Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Top Left: Look At The Curve On That Ball!** *Dustin Wood practices his pitching, impressing himself and the coaches more every day.* Photo by Desiree Orwat.

**Middle Left: Swing Batta Batta, Swing!** *At practice Ben Parsons is working on his hitting while he imagines himself hitting the winning home run at their last game of the season.* Photo by Emily Dursa.



# Softball

**Here It Comes!** *Nicole Carper throws the ball into home plate during JV practice. Photo by Lesley Wall*

**Right Here! Right Here!** *JV players Heather Dickinson and Susie Hatcher warm up before practice officially begins. Photo by Britt Smith.*



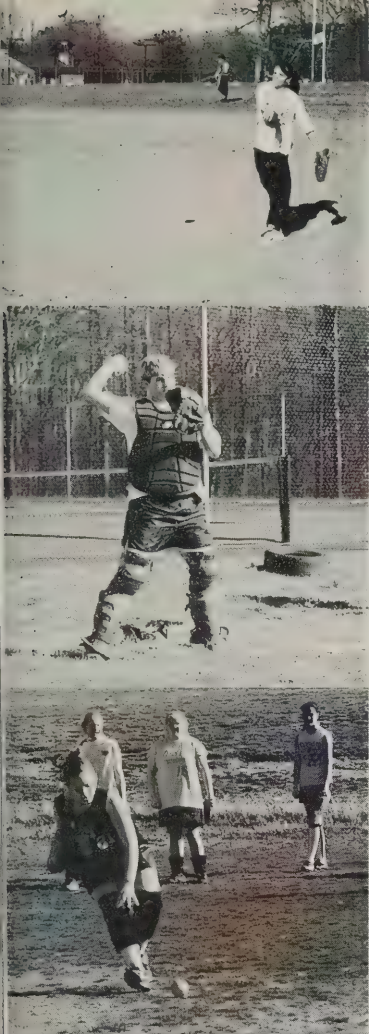
**Above: I've Got It!** *Amanda Zawora goes for the ball in the outfield and catches it perfectly. Photo by Kevin Louder.*

**Right: Get Ready For This!** *JV shortstop Erin Brennan throws the ball to first base to strike 'em out! Photo by Lesley Wall.*

**Far Right: Give It Your All** *Amanda Zawora shows her determination and concentration on the game simply by her facial expressions. Photo by Jeff Garretson.*







## Girls Softball

Potomac .....	March 17
Culpeper .....	March 24
Chancellor .....	March 28
Fauquier .....	March 29
Shernado .....	March 31
Fauquier .....	April 4
Osborn Park .....	April 5
Potomac .....	April 6
Colonail Forge .....	April 11
James Wood .....	April 14
North Stafford .....	April 25
Osborn Park .....	April 27
Chancellor .....	May 1
Brooke Point .....	May 2
Colonial Forge .....	May 5
Culpeper .....	May 9
North Stafford .....	May 12
Brooke Point .....	May 19

## "Who needs baseball?"

The girls softball team started out the season with a bang! Proving their capabilities each and every game, Stafford proved its worthy reputation. Good games didn't come from just each team member's individual talent though; rather, they came from the team as a whole. According to Jamie Sullivan, "Our team is really amazing! We have all pulled together to work really hard and be the best!"

Even more than the positive effects of team spirit, the Lady Indians had exhausting practices day in and day out that whipped them into shape. It was most obvious that the girls' hard work truly payed off. "Our practices were really tough, but worthwhile in the long run. All our hard work brought us closer too!" said Megan Vrabel.

Still, there is no team without a coach, and Coach Parker really made it happen. Betsy Decatur said, "Having a new coach is difficult, but we can overcome anything!"

Her support gave the girls the extra push they needed. Of course, confidence always makes a better player, and these girls had it! *Story by Robyn P. Good.*

**Top Left: Heads Up!** Sarah Sullivan, playing second base, throws back and forth with the first baseman. *Photo by Jeff Garretson.*

**Middle Left: Are You Looking or Not?** Varsity catcher Betsy Decatur makes sure that the pitcher is paying attention before throwing her the ball. *Photo by Lesley Wall.*

**Bottom Left: Ground Ball!** Joanne Yednock chases after a ground ball that one of the basemen did not catch. *Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.*



**Junior Varsity Softball** *Front Row:* Lindsay Jones, Heather Dickerson, Sarah Sullivan, Nicole Carper, Erin Annan *Second Row:* Jessica Mumford, Mary Anne Yednock, Ashley Vaughn, Meghan Thompson, Angie Shacklet *Third Row:* Coach Ventura, Suusan Hatcher, Amiee Pritt, Megan Vrabel, Erica Dickenson, Becky McGee



**Varsity Softball** *First Row:* Joanne Yednock, Jessica Covington, Heather Simpson, Megan Hanson, Jamie Sullivan, Kristi Bryant *Second Row:* Coach Cambert, Betsy Decatur, Sara Hatcher, Amanda Zawora, Carrie Loving, Chelsea Garfield, Jean Cornwell, Coach Parker



**Far Left: Tada!** Angie Shacklet, JV player, warms up her arm before practice with another teammate. *Photo by Britt Smith.*



**Left: My Hat Is Neat** Britt Smith shades herself from the hot sun as her teammates Becky McGee and Maryanne Yednock laugh at her. *Photo by Chrissy Rubenstein.*



# Boys Tennis

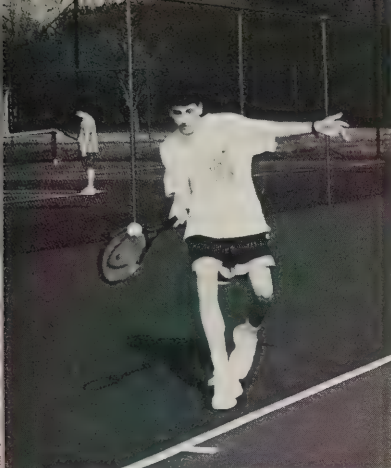


Above: **Nice Forehand!** *Eric Dowling is getting ready to crush the ball with his killer forehand. Eric always practiced and played hard to keep his number two ranking.* Photo by Amanda Summers.

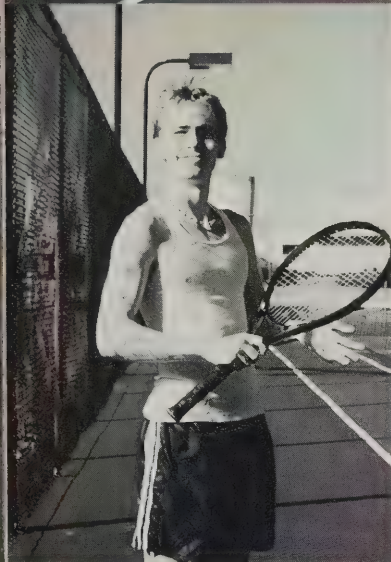
Right: **Good Form...** *Matt Lust moves quickly to return a serve. Agility was an asset when playing the fast-paced game of tennis.* Photo by Ellen Ahearn.







Left: **Step Into It!** Brian Heffner uses his forehand to get the ball back over the net. The forehand shot proved to be easiest to do but the hardest to return. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.



Below Left: **Am I A Stud Or What?** Peter Whitford takes time out from a hard practice to pose for a picture. Peter was ranked number three on the team due to his combination of speed and power. Photo by Amanda Summers.

Boy's Tennis	
Culpeper .....	March 29
James Monroe Tournament .	March 31 & April 1
Colonial Forge .....	April 6
Brooke Point .....	April 11
North Stafford .....	April 13
Colonial Forge .....	April 25
Culpeper .....	April 27
James Wood .....	May 2
Faquier .....	May 4
Brooke Point .....	May 9
Sherando .....	May 11
North Stafford .....	May 15

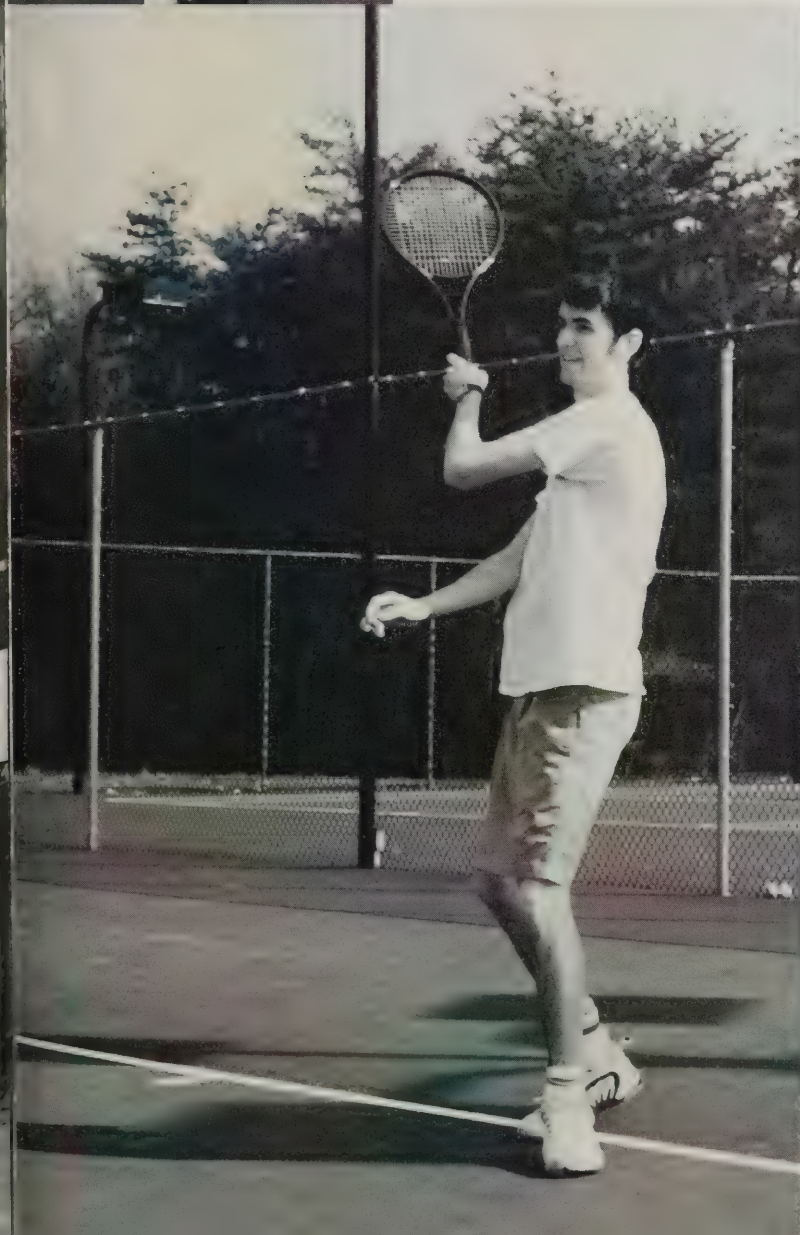
## Perfecting Skill Was Key for Tennis Players

The boys tennis team held high hopes for their season of 2000. Kyle Hubbard said, "Despite the loss of high-seated players, if we lob, we'll do well."

The secret of good play, it seemed, was all in this move called "the lob." Instead of attempting to hit the ball hard, the move is an easy hit toward the other player. At a key moment, however, a hard hit is made toward a hard-to-reach area, leaving the opponent stunned.

Peter Whitford said, "As long as the lobs are flowing, we'll do good." Their entire mode of play depended on this one crucial move, which they intended to perfect.

Striving to improve their play every day, the tennis team put forth all of their energy into improving their skills. With all this work to heighten their skills as tennis players, there was no doubt their efforts would pay off, and leave them with a great season full of victories. "And besides," said Jay Underwood, "real men lob!" Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.



**Tennis** Front Row: Steven Myers, Kyle Thompson, Daniel Thompson, Peter Whitford, Kyle Gryzb, Chris Fuller. Second Row: Coach Hylton, Matt Lust, Kyle Hubbard, Jeff Cooper, Eric Dowling, Jay Underwood, Alan Kravitz.



Far Left: **Look At That Follow Through...** Jay Underwood watches his perfectly-placed shot bounce right inside the line. Jay was ranked number one on the team this year. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

Left: **Words Of Wisdom...** Coach Hylton shares valuable strategies with Jeff Cooper. The team often looked to Coach Hylton for help on form and ways to win. Photo by Amanda Summers.



Right: **Standing In A Line Is Better Than Not Standing In A Line** The lacrosse team lines up for one of their many drills during practice. Drills were an easy way for the team to improve its skill. Photo by Rebecca Graham.

## Score! Score! Score!

Lacrosse was a sport that was establishing itself at Stafford. The sport, which started as just a small group of high school students, has grown into a mainstream event. The sport's quickly growing popularity came as a surprise to some, but others, such as Brian Fuller expected it. Fuller said, "I think that lacrosse is an entertaining sport, and once people understand it, they enjoy it." The Stafford program, only in its third year, has really established itself in the area. Josh Mills said, "Every year our chances of doing well get better." The players worked hard through practices to get to the season. Allen Edwards said, "The practices were tough, but it pays off during the season." The conditioning for lacrosse was intense, and the players seemed very eager to play. James Ripley contributed to that thought when he said, "I think everyone looks forward to the start of the season." The team was well-prepared, and the sport itself was establishing a foot-hold in the athletic world at Stafford High. All in all, it was a very successful year for Stafford lacrosse. Story by Steve Miller.

### Men's Lacrosse

Virginia Beach Tournament .....	March 18
Garfield (Varsity) .....	March 27
Faquier .....	April 5
Colonial Forge (Varsity) .....	April 11
Osborn Park (JV) .....	April 11
Potomac .....	April 13
North Stafford .....	April 25
Brook Point .....	May 2
Colonial Forge (Varsity) .....	May 5
Osborn Park (JV) .....	May 5
North Stafford .....	May 12
Faquier .....	May 16
Brooke Point .....	May 19



**Varsity Lacrosse** Front Row: Coach Dan Penny Second Row: Jonathan Walsky, Victor Pownall, Josh Mills, AJ Johnson, Chris Hine, Adam Peck, Daniel Perry, Steve Dodd, Andrew Hall, Allen Edwards, Chad Hine, Justin Long, Ben Schabert, Matt Early, Frank Tulloss, James Ripley, Oliver Goldman, Robert King



**JV Lacrosse** Front Row: Kevin O'Donald, Sean White, William Chang, Matt McCants, Mike Carter, Austin Price, David Katz, John Mills Second Row: Bobby Orchet, Tommy McAllister, Connor Ashby, Mark Samson, Kyle Richards, Mike Scatchard, Andrew Saller, Kyle Newcomer, Brian Ford, Tony Caruso, Coach Peck

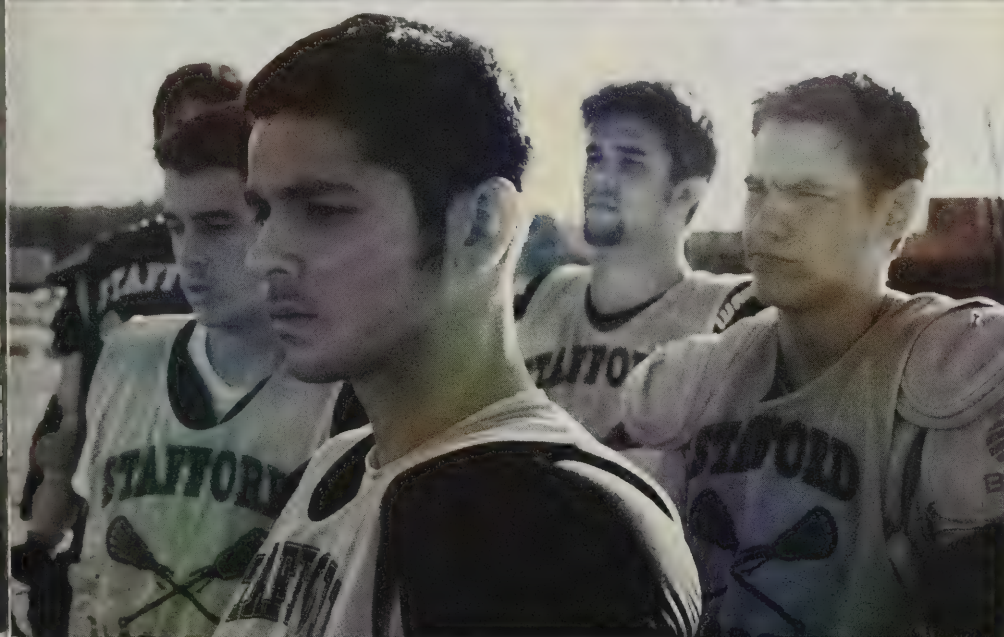
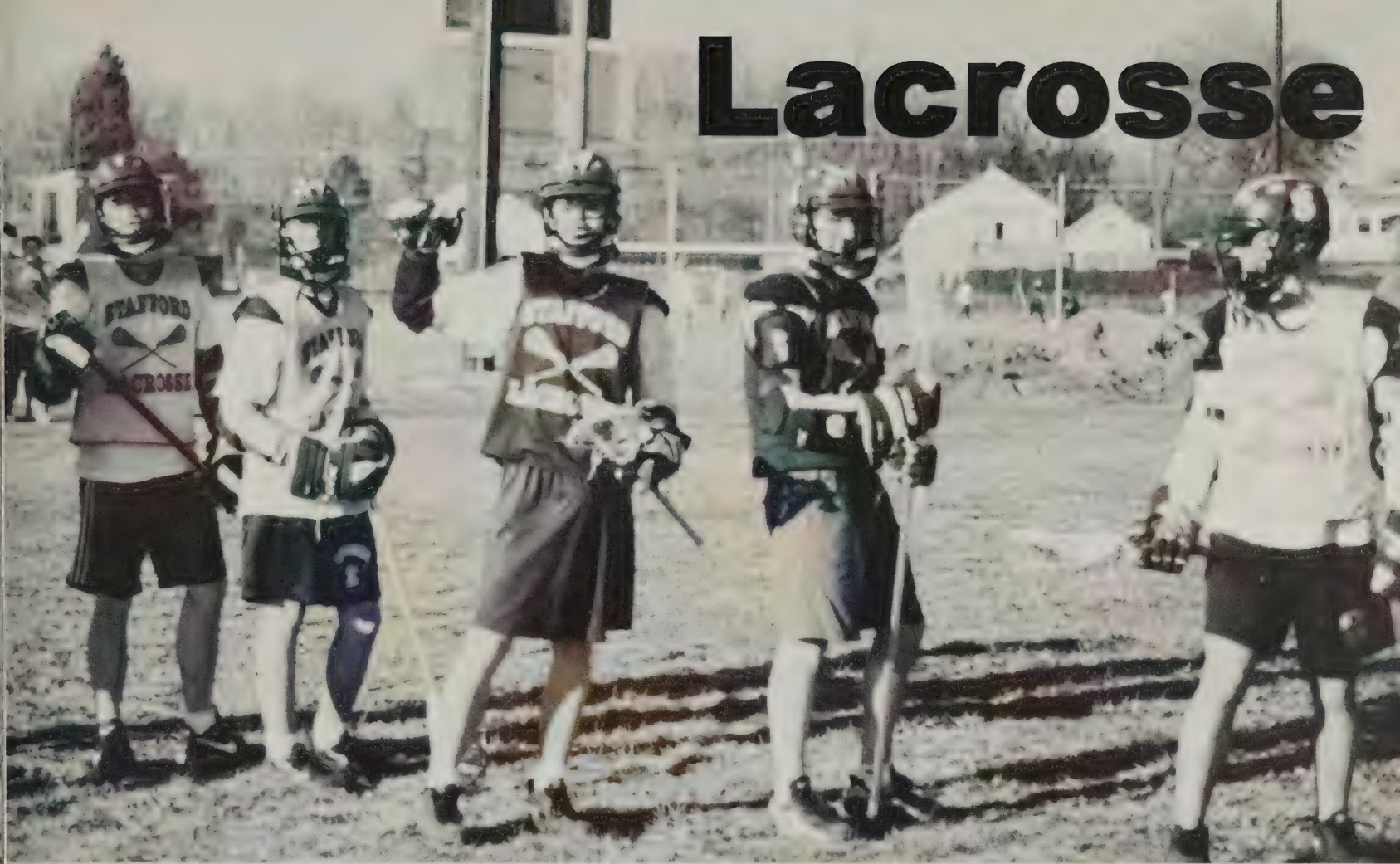
Right: **Catch That Ball!** Kyle Richards plays his role in a drill at one of the Spring lacrosse practices. Drills were an important part of the lacrosse team's practice. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Far Right: **I'm Scared** John Walsky shows his fear during one of the coach's "don't screw up" speeches. The new players benefited more than anyone on the team from the coach's speeches. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





# Lacrosse



**Above: I Am Going To Catch It!** Running up the field for a catch, Ben Schabert keeps his eye on the ball until it reaches his net safely. Photo by Rebecca Graham.

**Above Left: Teach Me More** Oliver Goldman enjoys the coach's tutelage during one of many lacrosse practices. The coach's teaching bettered the team as a whole. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Left: You Call That A Shot?** Coach Penny instructs team leader Brian Fuller on how to improve his game. Players were very receptive to the coach's advice. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.







# Clubs

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After school, you could find many students congregating in the classrooms and in the cafeteria where their clubs like the Key Club, French Club, and Drama Club would meet. The benefits that the students received from the clubs, other than something to add on their college applications, was the benefits of ice cream, like the Spanish club often provided, or field trips. "At first I joined the Spanish Club my freshmen year because I heard that they make really good fried ice cream, but after going to a few meetings, I continued to join," said Kelli Schremp.

Field trips were another benefit that students took advantage of when they wanted a day out of school. "I always took a computer class each year so I could join FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), and go on their all day field trips," said Stephanie Trant. Overall, the clubs had a great impact on all the students. Even though the students didn't enjoy all the work that they might have put into their clubs, they always enjoyed the satisfaction that came out of all the hard work. "I like helping people, and the Key Club gave me the chance to help others in every way I possibly could," said Andrea Varga, President of the Key Club. *Story by Laurie Mathias.*



Opposite Page: **Let It Snow...** Kellie Schremp adds a little festive winter decor to the school during a club meeting. Photo by Heather Akin.

Top: **Lets Discuss...** Students attending the FBLA meeting are trying to brain storm ideas for fund-raisers. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

Left: **Strike a Pose...** Working steadily on their performances, the drama club worked extensive hours during the year to improve their acting abilities. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





**Drama:** *Front Row:* Jennifer Bagley, Bonnie Daymude, Nique Zwieneff, Chrisse Rubenstein, Rebbecca Graham, Vikki Steele, Jackie Bratager, Elizabeth Como, Sean Dart *Second Row:* Julie Brown, Paige Reisenfeld, Holly Lawrence, Robin Copeland, Lacy Detwiler, Cassie Govan, Katie Carter, Tiffany Hite, Tim Martin, Amy Poe, Sam Martin, Ariana Thorpe, Mr. Clark *Third Row:* Mike Carter, Jennifer Polickoski, Justin Olsen, Michelle Mullenkamp, Nancy Kelminski, Justin Wright, Hanan Nassau, Michelle Wood, Ann-Courtney Coates, Bob Marlow, Cynthia Muzzy, Megan Wood, Candance Russell, Derek Salerno *Fourth Row:* Lisa Marietta, Meghan Wilson, Josh Butchard, Onicha Mitchai, Laura Carruba, Laura Baker, Josh Ozura, Brian Ford, Jeramia Poyck, Valarie Jenkins *Fifth Row:* Gary Famoso, Jason Redmond, John Grimes, Matthew Lawrence, Nick Hanzel, Ashlie Johnson, Jake Walter, Robyn Good, Marques Green, Erin Hall, Katie Hodge, Nikki Akers, Rodney Clark, Justin Salerno

**Top: Take Me Now!** Derek Salerno offers himself to the drama gods. Derek played the lead role in Fall play *Godspell*. Photo by Chrisse Rubenstein.

**Right: Shut Up And Sit Down!** Josiah Grigg orders Laura Baker to have a seat while he interrogates her. This was one of many crucial scenes from *A Nation At Risk*. Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





# DRAMA

## *A Fine Art*

Perhaps the most exclusive of the fine arts was the Drama Club. The Drama Club put on a play in the fall and the spring every year. The productions from the 1999-2000 features were *Godspell*, *A Nation at Risk*, and *Inherit the Wind*. The Stafford drama program has been known for its success at district and regional competitions. The Drama Club was a consistent group year after year. They were a closely knit group who worked together to put on a well-rounded production. Mr. Clark, the director and producer of the seasonal plays said, "Theater is the art of deception, and that is why I have kept my job so long." Robyn Good agreed when she said, "You don't have to necessarily be the best actor or actress to give the best performance." The group had high hopes for both fall and spring competitions, but no matter what the results, the students had a good time putting on the show. Derek Salerno said, "It's a lot of work, but it's a small price to pay for all the fame I receive." Famous or not, he was right about the hard work involved in making a production; that is what kept the students interested. *Story by Steve Miller.*



**Top Left: Just Sit There And Try Not To Laugh** Lacy Detwiler and Tim Martin act out their scene from the winter play, *A Nation At Risk*. The winter play did well at the district and regional competitions. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

**Above: Wow These Buckets Are Heavy** Tiffany Hite and Zach Seifert give their best tableau in *A Nation At Risk*. Every character in the scene was important for the play's overall performance. *Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

**Left: Carrying A Tune** Derek Salerno and Vikki Steele sing themselves away in the fall play *Godspell*. *Godspell* was a fun and enjoyable experience for its cast. *Photo by Chrissie Rubenstein.*





# NHS & NAHS

## *The Best, and the Rest...*

The elite of Stafford High School gathered together into these two groups—The National Honor Society and The National Art Honor Society. The students within these organizations received the best grades in their area—N.H.S. received the best grades in academic classes, while N.A.H.S. members received the best grades in art.

Members of both N.H.S. and N.A.H.S. took their clubs very seriously. Lisa Maloney said, "N.H.S. is a great service organization—we help the community through our projects." Ashley Dameron agreed and said, "I like being able to reach out to the community through N.H.S."

Since students in these organizations took their clubs seriously, they also expected others to take their club seriously. Mollee Anzivino complained, "People don't call N.H.S. 'The Smart Club,' so N.A.H.S. should not be referred to as 'The Art Club.'"

Although taking what you are interested in seriously is a good thing, some students took this seriousness to the extreme. Russell Roles exclaimed, "I've lost the election for vice president of N.A.H.S.! Now I can *never* rule the world!"

N.H.S. and N.A.H.S. were fun clubs to belong to, considering all the projects these clubs participated in. From tutoring other students to beautifying the school environment through their art work, these clubs fulfilled worthwhile activities within their scope of high school life.

Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.



**NHS (Seniors):** Front Row: Diana Young, Stephanie Harris, Katie Carter, Sarah Stamps, Julia Davezac, Heather Demko, Erin Hughes, Kristin McCants, Christie Doebel, Delwyn Harvey, Christine Ouellette Second Row: Justin Salerno, Eric Wall, Amanda Zawora, Stephanie Heffernan, Melissa Penfeth, Tiffany Hite, Kellie Schremp, Blair Lawrence, Lindsay Diebold, Heather Gallo Third Row: Jeff Newton, Chris Ellington, Chad Willis, Valerie Rodriguez, Kristen Ripley, Ali Fuller, Erin Wood, Brad Saylor, Lisa Marietta, Lisa Thomas, Nathan White, Augusta Kuchinski Fourth Row: Kevin Cogley, Brandon Jennings, Eric Dowling, Arend Bolthouse, Jay Underwood, Meaghan Wilson, Amanda Summers, Carlee Brueser, Matt Catalano, Ashley Ludlow, Karen McGullicuddy, Eric Harvey



**NHS (Juniors):** Front Row: Amy Poe, Cyndi Harding, Diana Price, Mollee Anzivino, Lesley Wall, Mary McDougal, Hanan Nassau, Bonnie Ludlow, Amanda Johnson, Bonnie Daymude, Lisa Maloney Second Row: Erica Vos, Veronica Pugh, Nichole Van Scoder, Lorie Watts, Krista Eck, Laura Baker, Josh Ozura, Ann-Courtney Coates, Taylor Dodd, Amanda Pearson Third Row: Erin Wade, Mark Crosnick, Allen Edwards, Sara Bailey, Danielle Blosser, Emily Dursa, Robyn Good, Susan Walker, Nick Hansel, Mike Danzi, Jean Cornwell Fourth Row: Steven Merenda, Jason Sihrer, Andrew Hall, Matt Lust, Lynn Johnson







**NAHS:** *Front Row:* Christina Cushing, Anousheh Khalili, Meagan Olson *Second Row:* Bri Bevan, Rebekah Smart, Lisa Maloney, Delwyn Harvey *Third Row:* Mrs. Sigler, Tara Sullivan, Kathy Gardner, Mollee Anzivino, Anne Goska, Carin Stoelker *Fourth Row:* Nathan Thompson, Erin Hall, Dana Logan, Kevin Breen, Cole Everett, Steve Dodd

**Top: Brilliant Times Two** Carefully analyzing the material they are given in class, Melissa Peretich and Stephanie Heffernan put their intelligent minds to work. Both Melissa and Stephanie participated in N.H.S. because their grades were extremely high. *Photo by Amanda Summers.*

**Left: Artist at Work** In his Art III class, Cole Everett busily paints an object and will attempt to show the shadows and highlights on it. Such projects were commonplace to art students at this level. *Photo by Amanda Summers.*

**Opposite Page Top: Masterpiece** Christina Cushing lets the creative juices flow in her Art III class. Art class was a favorite subject for those in N.A.H.S. *Photo by Amanda Summers.*

**Opposite Page Bottom: What a Gal** Amanda Zawora signs up to help out at the concession stand during an evening sports event. Members of N.H.S. regularly assisted at concession stands during the Indian teams' games. *Photo by Amanda Summers.*





**Literary Magazine:** *Front Row:* Anousheh Khalili, Raechel Walters. *Second Row:* Cat Childs, Sheri Girard, Leslie-Ann Johnson, Michelle Wood. *Third Row:* Dana Logan, Laura Carruba, Mercera Payne, Lindsey Miley. *Fourth Row:* Ms. Shaller, Andy Collins, Andy Callander, Kevin Breen, Justin Hathaway.



**Smoke Signal:** *Front Row:* Christine Barber, Lauren Kirby, Krista Eck, Melissa Love, Kristen Hatch, Lauren Baker. *Second Row:* Emily Driver, Valerie Rodriguez, Erin Hughes, Andrea Varga, Brandy Sharp, Momma Gill, Katie Ruffatto. *Third Row:* Julia Davezac, Andrew Fabian, Kevin Louder, j Blevins, Jay Underwood, Justin Bishop, Oliver Goldman, Michael Groff, Jennifer Farr, Vikki Redding, Alex Scholsser.



**Teenage Republicans:** *Front Row* Zaahira Wyne, Ali Wyne *Second Row:* Amber Carpenter, Emily Dursa, Meaghan Wilson, Steve Miller



**Young Democrats** *Front Row:* Oliver Goldman, Katie Carter, Vikki Steele *Second Row:* Justin Olson, Brandi Laudeman, Hannan Nassau, Laura Baker, Bri Bevan *Third Row:* Jonny Cabiness, Josh Boutchard, Jake Walther, Josh Ozura

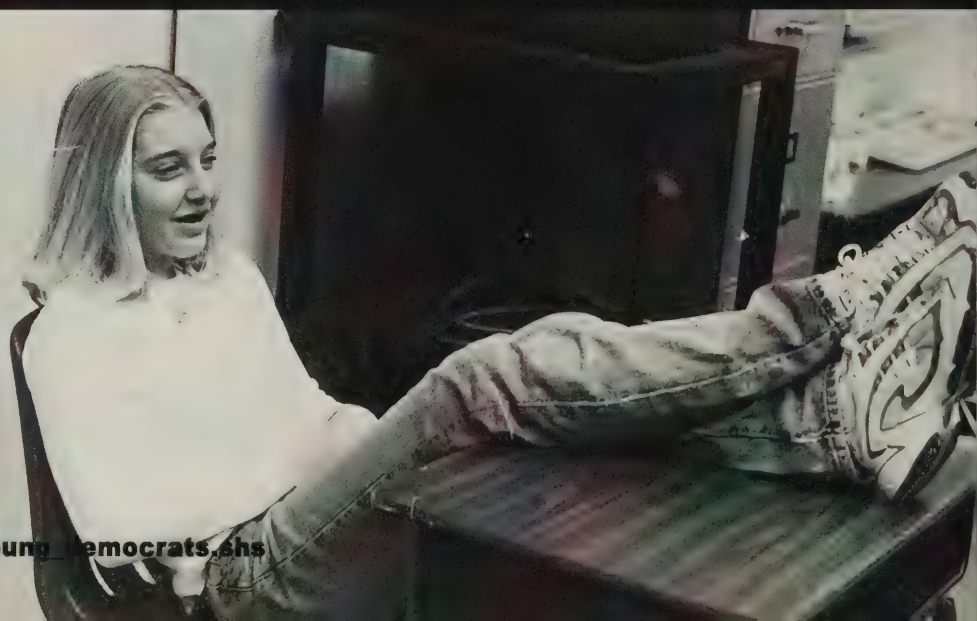
Top Right: **Representatives** *Rebecca Cruthers* takes notes while the officers tell them new SCA issues. *Rebecca, like all representatives, reported all updates to their English classes.* Photo by Joanne Yednock.

Opposite Page Top: **We're having fun now!** "SCA is so much fun. I feel a part of this school, and it is good to work with my sister," said Mike Carter. Mike, *Parliamentarian*, wishes to follow his sister Katie's footsteps. She is the SCA president. Photo by Joanne Yednock.

Opposite Page Middle: **The Debate on Politics** *Candace Russell* helps to argue the differences between *Republicans and Democrats.* Photo by Joanne Yednock.

Right: **Officer** SCA reporter *Annie Strickler* sits back while the officers decide upon topics such as homecoming and the bonfire. Photo by Joanne Yednock.

Opposite Page Bottom: **Good Morning Stafford!** *Sam Wellerman* and *Ebony Mathewson* provided students with the news of Stafford throughout the year. Photo by Diana Price.







# GETTING THE JOB DONE

## *SCA worked hard for students*

What is SCA? SCA stands for Student Council Association. Their job was to plan activities in order to make the school environment a fun atmosphere. Members of the SCA, under Sue Keyser's supervision, made their jobs recognizable by students and staff. It was obvious that the SCA did the best they could all year beginning in September 1999 until June 2000. Officers included Katie Carter as president, Ebony Mathewson as vice-president, Sam Wellerman as secretary, Lisa Marietta as treasurer, Annie Strickler as reporter, and Mike Carter as parliamentarian. Being a sophomore, this was Mike Carter's first year participating with SCA. He said, "I had a lot of fun helping to organize activities that SCA feels students would have fun participating in." Agreeing with her younger brother, Katie Carter added, "I love being a part of the SCA here at Stafford! Its so much fun to try and make the school better for the students. You meet so many cool people at camp and convention. I'll never forget SCA!"

A few activities that the SCA organized were Homecoming 1999, the annual bonfire, and the selling of SCA cards. SCA cards are needed in order to participate in these events. The SCA worked extremely hard fund-raising for these activities. They also held clothing and food drives in order to help needy families. "SCA is not as recognized as it should be. The school often doesn't realize how much hard work the officers put into the program. The summertime is the funniest because we get to meet new people who participate in SCA from different schools," said Sam Wellerman.

Yes, SCA even works over the summer! Officers are required to go to



**SCA** Front Row: Lisa Marietta, Katie Carter, Annie Strickler Second Row: Mike Carter, Ebony Mathewson, Sue Kaiser (advisor)

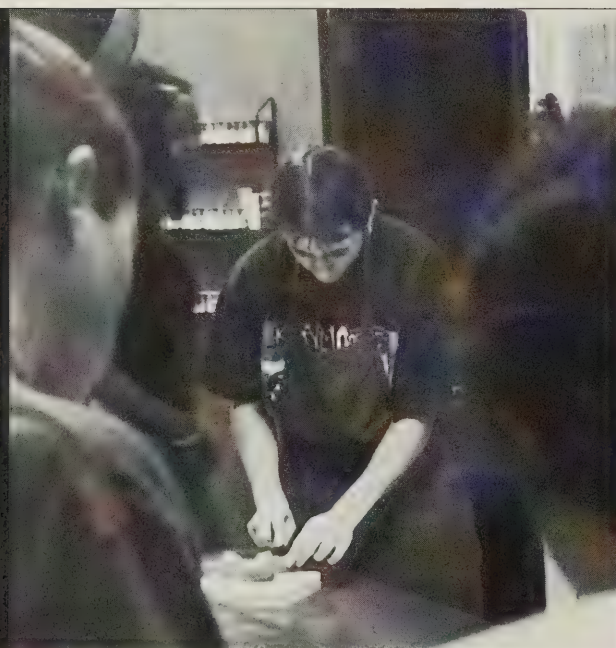
camp where they learn how to manage the program at their own school. This year the camp was at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. Every officer in the state attends this camp. For four days students attended classes where they learned how to help students at Stafford think of new projects for VSCA (Virginia Student Council Association). A new project was the start of self-defense classes students took after school for free. Motivational speakers also came and talked to students. Ebony Mathewson commented, "SCA tries their hardest to please the students and teachers at Stafford. I really feel this year has been a huge success. We have accomplished all our goals!" Lisa Marietta agreed by saying, "There could not have been a better group of officers this year. We really took our time and had so much fun going to camp. Being a part of SCA makes me feel like I am a part of this school." *Story by Amber Leigh Carpenter.*



# HERO, HOSA, FHA

## *Improving Skills for the Future of America*

The HERO, HOSA, and FHA clubs at Stafford "teach students life skills, occupational job skills, and nursing skills," said Michelle Muhlenkamp. These clubs are classroom affiliated, which means that everyone in the club is in the class. During class, students, like Roger Corker, "learn how to set tables, set up a restaurant, cook food, etc." HOSA teaches students "how to check heartbeats and take temperatures and blood pressures. It basically teaches skills for those who are seeking employment in nursing," said Karla Yingliny. "The basic goals of these clubs/classes is to improve the basic skills for future employment in the health, homemaking, and food occupations fields," said Mrs. Shelton, a sponsor for the club. *Story by Ashley Dameron.*



**Cuttin' Up...** Jayson Benwitt cuts green peppers during his food occupation class, as his teacher, Mrs. Allen observes him. The students were taught the proper way to cut vegetables and prepare other food under the strict supervision of their teachers. *Photo by Meghan Hewitt.*

**Watch those Fingers!** Jonathon Tarasoff prepares potatoes during class. The students learned how to cook many different things over the course of the year. *Photo by Meghan Hewitt.*





**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** *Front Row:* Maryely Meza, Jenny Whitten, Erin Brennan, Emily Martens, Sarah Sullivan *Second Row:* Christie Martens, Ashley Aynes, Lisa Richardsom, M.J. Moyers, Amber Carpenter, Adam Lust *Third Row:* Bobby Orcut, Maggi Chamberlin, Bonnie Daymude, Elizabeth Smith, Amanda Zawora, Laurie Mathias, Jessica Player, Oliver Goldman *Fourth Row:* Emily Dursa, Kyle Gryzb, Cole Copley, Matt Matter, Beth Johnson, Tasha Mickens, Chris Collins



**HOSA:** *Front row:* Irene O'Roark, Jessica Nimmo, Michelle Muhlenkamp, April Faulkenberg *Second Row:* Mahum Shere, Kim Hester, Lauren Holland, April Crane, Samantha Harrell *Third Row:* Karla Yingling, Mickey Sullivan, Shannon Ammens, Desire Orwat, Chad Willis, Roger Corker, Jennifer Shafer

*Top:* **Drawing a Crowd...** Keshia Craig, Ambrea Presley, Josh Nida, Ray Griffin, Tre Mason, Ruby Yi, and Nate Boyce watch as Mrs. Allen demonstrates how to make omelettes. Before they made their own food, the students were taught exactly how to make the dish by their teachers.  
Photo by Meghan Hewitt.



# KEY CLUB

## *Lending a Helping Hand*

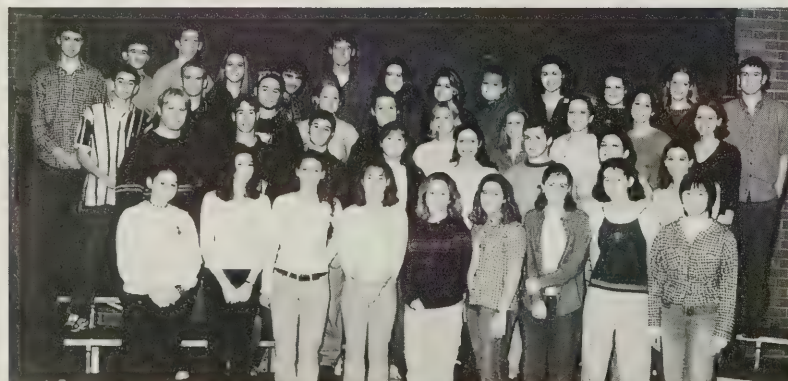
Keeping in sync with all previous years at Stafford, the Key Club did its very best to help out our school and our community. They sponsored the American Red Cross's Blood Drive here at Stafford, volunteered at community walk-a-thons and homeless shelters, collected clothing for the homeless, made food baskets for the teachers, and other things. Oliver Goldman, who was chosen as the Key Club student of the month for January, said, "My favorite project this year was getting out of class for the blood drive."

President Andrea Varga said, "I love working with Mrs. Gill and the rest of the officers. So far, we've been really successful with all of our projects this year." Many members enjoyed working with each other for the various projects even if it meant braving early morning hours. Reporter Emily Dursa said, "I like getting together with lots of other members and working together on a project, such as decorating for homecoming or working a walk-a-thon." Whatever project the members liked best, you can be sure that the Key Club accomplished what it set out to do with flying colors. *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*

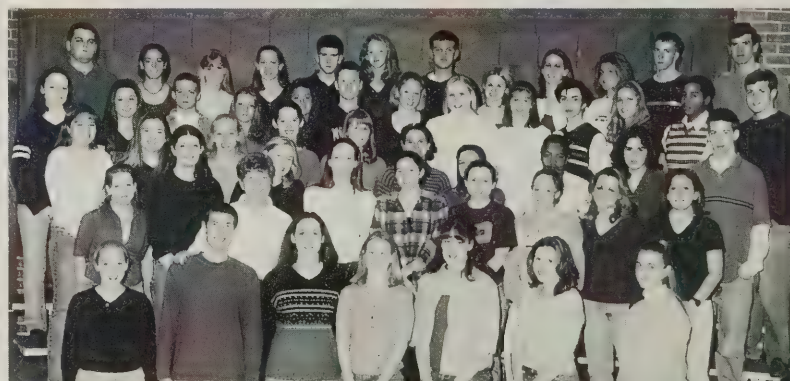
**Right: Can I Have Just A Little More?** *Danielle Blosser, vice-president of the Key Club, fills up her cup for another round of Coke at a meeting. Having fun at the meetings was just important to the success of the club as the activities that it performed this year.* Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

**Opposite Page Top: What To Do Next...** *Key Club members Alli Fuller, Kate Godfrey, Samantha Wellerman, Meaghan Wilson and president Andrea Varga ponder their next move at an afternoon meeting of the Key Club. Afternoon meetings gave students more time to figure out what events they could plan for that year.* Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

**Opposite Page Top: Next On The Agenda...** *President Andrea Varga conducts a meeting of the Key Club. The Key Club worked hard this year to accomplish many distinguished acts for the school and community, with much of the help coming from Andrea and the other officers.* Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.

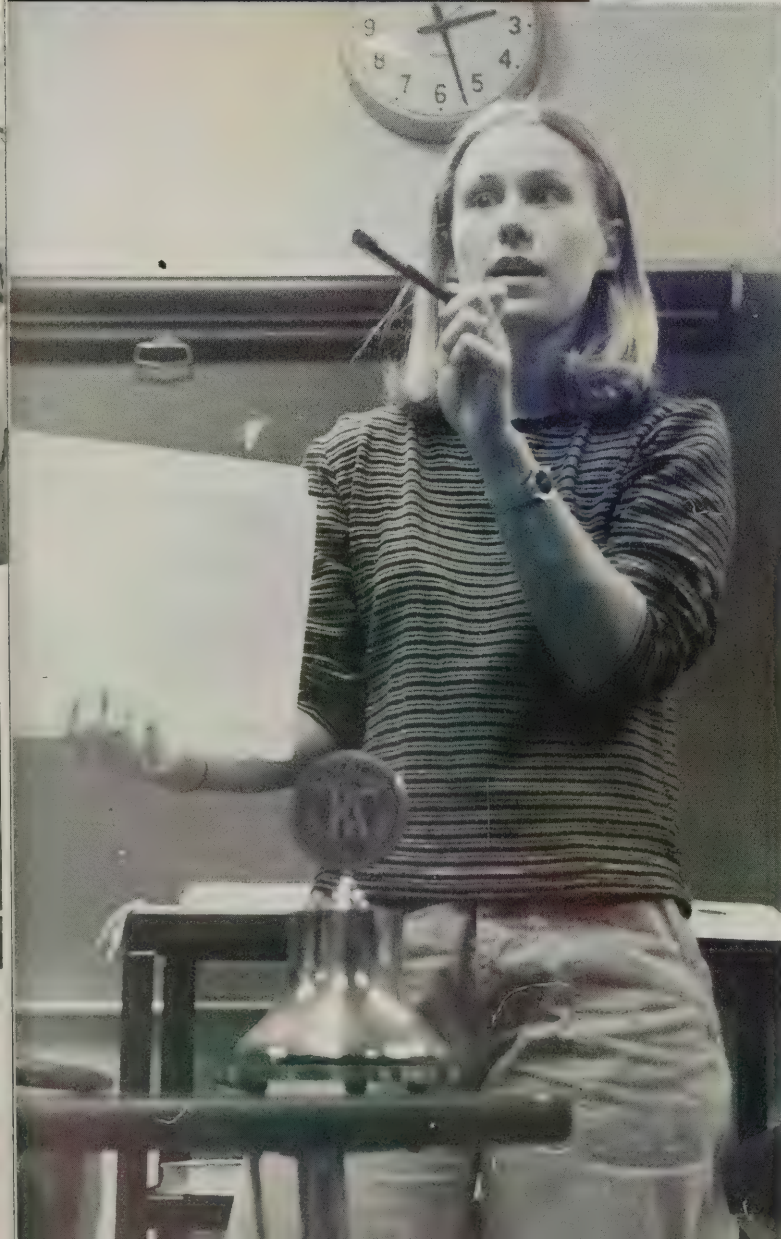


**Key Club (1)** *Front Row:* Kristen Johnson, Melissa Peretich, Stephanie Heffernan, Diana Young, Stephanie Hariss, Sara Edwards, Augusta Kuchinski, Julia Davezac, Hwang Peng. *Second Row:* Andy Fabian, Nathan White, MJ Moyers, Cathy Schneider, Valerie Rodrigues, Craig Hamilton, Lisa Manetta, Alli Fuller. *Third Row:* Jeff Newton, Arend Bolthouse, J Blevins, Michelle Jacobs, Amanda Zawora, Brandy Sharp, Andrea Varga, Brandi Lauderman, Kate Godfrey, Ashley Ludlow. *Fourth Row:* Matt Bland, Steven Love, Eric Dowling, Carlie Bruesser, Josh Boutchyard, Jeff Cooper, Jennifer Yednock, Vicki Redding, Desiree Orwat, Meaghan Wilson, Katie Franke, Megan Hewitt, Cole Everett



**Key Club (2)** *Front Row:* Kristen McCants, Matt Catalano, Danielle Blosser, Andrea Varga, Emily Dursa, Krista Eck, Amy Bogardus. *Second Row:* Laura Gardener, Megan Snellings, Mrs. Gill, Kellie Schremp, Lindsay Hession, Christie Doebel, Heather Demko, Jessica Player, Katie Carter, Sarah Cline. *Third Row:* Heather Gallo, Jessica Lees, Megan Grigsby, Blair Lawrence, Melissa Love, Amanda Johnson, Amy Poe, Janeen Spruill, Katie Rodrigues, Shaun Meyers. *Fourth Row:* Michelle Ulrich, Lauren Pcsolyar, Shannon Terembes, Tonya Wellerman, Katherine Thompson, Justin Salerno, Christy Walker, Jean Cornwell, Lynn Johnson, Hanan Nassau, Veronica Pugh, Susan Walker, Matt Lust. *Fifth Row:* Danny Labar, Kelly Copage, Lisa Satterwhite, Joanne Yednock, Joey Newton, Sara Bailey, Mike Rector, Stefani Mitchell, Robyn Good, Ashleigh Covington, Peter Gillson, Chris Truslow





**Key Club (3)** Front Row: Heather Akin, Ian Campbell, Allen Edwards, David Payne, Kevin Louder, Michael Mancini. Second Row: Allison Rankin, Mike Groff, Kristin Maddox, Ashley Dameron, Annie Strickler, Jessica Young, Kelly Moore. Third Row: Ashley Dowling, Karen Young, Jenny Whitten, Austin Price, Rebecca Caruthers, Mike Carter, Danielle Gilden, John Ross, Sarah Sapro, Adam Lust. Fourth Row: Bob Job, Leigh Willhoit, Holly Whitfield, Brittany West, Zoe Zerbe, Rebekah Smart, Mike Hilleary, Bob Marlow, Brandy Adams, Ellen Ahern. Fifth Row: Sarah Mancini, Micheal Paretich, Chelsea Garfield, Allison Spillane, Amber Keibert, Lisa Richardson, Megan Wood, Andy Muzzy, Britt McGarth, Kyle Hubbard, David Katz.



**Key Club (4)** Front Row: Anthony Varga, Margorie Frankie, Kristen Lee, Darcy Pearce, Sarah Sullivan, Mickey Sullivan, Wendy Madison, Whitney Wells-Stokes, Laura Johnson. Second Row: Jessica Penerenda, Jennifer Newton, Marci Mitchell, Mary Cline, Carl Lynn, Kristen Elstien, Anne Jacoby, Mallory Goldman. Third Row: Caitlyn Faller, Ashley Aynes, Bill Krugler, Sarah Chesser, Tim Sullivan. Ross Farmer, Alison Groff, Tiffany Kerby, John Trembley. Fourth Row: Elizabeth Phillips, Susan Hall, Deepa Patel, Jessica Dewitt, Michelle Musselman, Katie Catalano, Mike Myers, Connor Ashby. Fifth Row: Nathan McSpadden, Nathan Thompson, Erin Hall, Joe Czarnick, Ashley Belyea, Brad Hayes, Michael Scatchard, Rebecca Heflin, Maryanna Yednock





**Ethnic Alliance Club:** *Front Row:* Brandon Brown, Heather Simpson *Second Row:* Stephanie Mitchell, Jessica Fenton, Dana Logan, Anousheh Khalili, Jeneen Sprull *Third Row:* Mrs. Garcia and mascot "Max", Jessica Tyler, Juel Gadd, Jen Beard, Chris Hartford, Tasha Mickens



**Academic Team:** *Front Row:* Hanan Nassau, Mary McDougal, Bri Bevan, Ann-Courtney Coates *Second Row:* David Katz, Erica Vos, Jay Underwood, Chip Thompson

Top: **I Don't Know, What Do You Think?** Hanan Nassau and Ann-Courtney Coates discuss the agenda for the day's meeting. Students Serving Stafford was a club that did much work to better our county. Photo by Lesley Wall.

Right: **Study, Study, Study.** Erica Vos is reading to prepare for her class. Academic Team members were frequently seen studying and working to better their intelligence. Photo by Lindsay Hession.







# HELPING OUT

## *Taking Care of Business*

At Stafford High School, we try many things to get students involved and to help out our community. Examples of this are certain clubs like Students Serving Stafford (SSS), Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Ethnic Alliance, and the Academic Team.

"SADD is all about teaching students to become outstanding citizens. We want students to realize the responsibility that goes along with their actions and to create a sound decision-making process!" Mr. Ripley said. Like some students, being in these kinds of clubs can really make a difference in their attitude and change their actions. As Brian Ford said, "Since I joined SADD I've stopped doing bad things that SADD is against. Being in this organization has really been a great experience for me."

Like the organization SADD, Students Serving Stafford (SSS) also helps out our community in many different ways. Sometimes groups like this can help our decisions later on in life and maybe even influence our decisions for college and what we want to be in life. As Chris Hartford said, "While in Students Serving Stafford, I have worked at the SPCA. Since I want to be a veterinarian this has been a great experience for me!" Being involved in clubs like this not only makes us feel good for helping out others but we can also achieve high goals. "Academic Team had a successful season. Placing third in their VHSL district meet was an accomplishment for us!" Ms. Valente said. At Stafford High School, getting students involved is important, but the fact that students are making a difference means even more!

*Story by Megan French.*



**S.A.D.D.:** *Front Row:* Elizabeth Smith, Laura Gardner, Sarah Hatcher *Second Row:* D.J. Ford, William Scott, Michelle Jacob *Third Row:* Mr. Ripley, Brian Ford, Kristin Ripley, Anne Goska, Rochelle Simmons



**Students Serving Stafford** *Front Row:* Zaahira Wyne, Ali Wyne *Second Row:* Amy Bogardus, Chris Hartford, Delwyn Harvey *Third Row:* Oliver Goldman, Brandi Lauderman, Anne Goska, Desiree Orwat *Forth Row:* Cole Everett, Meaghan Wilson, Kim Beales, Blair Parsons



**Top:** *Awwww, Isn't He Cute!* Anousheh Khalili, Jessica Fenton, and Dana Logan gather in the hallway after school one day playing with Mr. Dorazio's new puppy. There were always various surprises at Stafford that nobody ever expected. *Photo by Leslie Wall.*

**Left:** *Let's Think About This!* Sarah Hammer and Sarah Saphos are encouraging the values of the SADD club in the cafeteria. SADD stood for Students Against Destructive Decisions. *Photo by Lindsay Hession.*



# CHORUS

## *Singing Their Hearts Out*

The talent that is required to sing is often overlooked. Stafford's chorus was more than a composed group of individuals with single talents; rather, it was a group with talent as a whole. Some joined chorus in hopes of being famous, a dream that often started during childhood. "I don't plan on using chorus any time soon, but in the future I would love to be on Broadway," said Brittany James. Others just wanted to take the high school experience for what it was. "I just enjoy the people, and most of all, the singing," said Kristie Bennett. Students were also fortunate enough to take a field trip to the Riverside Theatre to see the *The Sound of Music*. "It was so nice to see a musical. I really enjoyed it!" said Tony Wright. In the class, students felt that they had a sort of freedom because they were able to choose what they wanted to sing rather than be handed a piece of music that they were not interested in. Due to the atmosphere of the class and the great times the students shared, 1999-2000 was a most memorable school year.

*Story by Robyn P. Good.*



**Chorus:** *Front Row:* Kandil Hamm, Lisa Stephens, Michelle Atkinson *Second Row:* Andrea Hill, Katherine Beard, Mariely Meza, Elizabeth Como, Amy Crawford, Carrie Hutchinson, Ms. Thompson *Third Row:* April Hayes, Sam Schelin, Deanna Cox, Elizabeth Peterkin, Holly Lawrence, Robert Fullmer, Christine Credit, Tony Wright *Fourth Row:* Sarah Bryant, Amanda Patrick, Cathy Behm, Elizabeth Johnson, Christina Jenkins, Ellen Bradley, April Jenkins, Dan Mullins

Top Right: **Leading The Way** Mrs. Thompson, the chorus director, plays the piano and leads her students in harmony. Photo by Desiree Orwat.

Right: **The Sound Of Music** Practicing for the upcoming winter concert, chorus members adjust to the feel of the stage and acoustics of the auditorium. Photo by Jeffrey Garretson.







**Orchestra:** *Front Row:* April Anquilletta, Bekah Keeton, Mary McDougal *Second Row:* Mr. Marshall, Lisa Vitale, Justen Haynes, Sam Martin, Jeff Adcock

**Top:** **Darling Duet** Samantha Schelin and April Hayes practice a piece of music, which is often graded as part of the class average. Projecting your voice was one the many important factors to keep in mind when it came to being graded and on a performance level. Photo by Desiree Orwat.

**Left:**

ally belts out the notes during warm-ups. Photo by Desiree Orwat.





**DECA:** *First Row:* Maranda George, Teryn Summer, Ashley McDade, Nicole VanScoder, Erin Wade, Anne Goska, Roxanne Robinson, Candice Lane, Matthew Parrotte, Jeff Myers *Second Row:* Angela Botts, Sandro Roscigno, Angel Taylor, Whitney Wells, Kamilah Kittrell, Carrie Loving, Allyson Rose, Jennifer Drury, Andy McCartney, Katrina Lansdon, Wendy O'Brien, Mrs. Simms *Third Row:* Michelle Eubank, Kevin Mitchell, Angela Shifflet, Nicky Nelson, Jason Rethage, Courtney Andrews, Joe Stanley, Melissa Campbell, Carolyn Wells, Mark Perez, Matthew Hardin *Fourth Row:* Daniel Reeve, Mary Powell, Rebecca Burian, Sam Gentner, Michele Jacob, Crissy Brown, Brandy Jensen, Ryan McGee, Jennifer Fox, Nada Zaiden, Ashley Payne *Fifth Row:* Dana Cantrall, Tiffany Timmons, Rebecca Susler, Lindsay Whitestone, Courtney Bach, Kimberly Madison, Steve Westhoff, Taylor Gehring, Veronique Noel, Chris Keith, Chris Robinson, Kevin Roach, Brandon Doyle, Joe Winiesdorffer

**Top: Then, Through FBLA, We Will Conquer The World!** *Ryan Fines gives a moving speech at one of the many FBLA meetings. The FBLA was a respectable and well established club at Stafford.*  
Photo by Meaghan Wilson.

**Right: New FBLA Member** *Mike Danzi and others welcome with open arms the newest member, Ghia Bailey, into the FBLA club. The club was always accepting new members.* Photo by Meaghan Wilson.





# FBLA & DECA

## *Business of the future*

For the kids who sought out a future in the business world, Future Business Leaders of America and Distributed Education Clubs of America were a valued commodity. In these clubs the students got to have some business-like experience. In FBLA, members had meetings, elected officers, and planned business related trips for the year. In 1999-2000 the club took a trip to New York where they visited Rockefeller Center and walked Broadway. Students seemed to really enjoy this trip. Justin Beck commented, "It was the first time I had been to New York, and I thought it was great!" Many shared his feelings about the trip. Jamie Sullivan said, "This is the second time that I have gone with FBLA, and both trips were a lot of fun." Johnny Cabaniss added, "I ain't had that much fun since they canceled Hee Haw." FBLA was an enjoyable learning experience for its members.

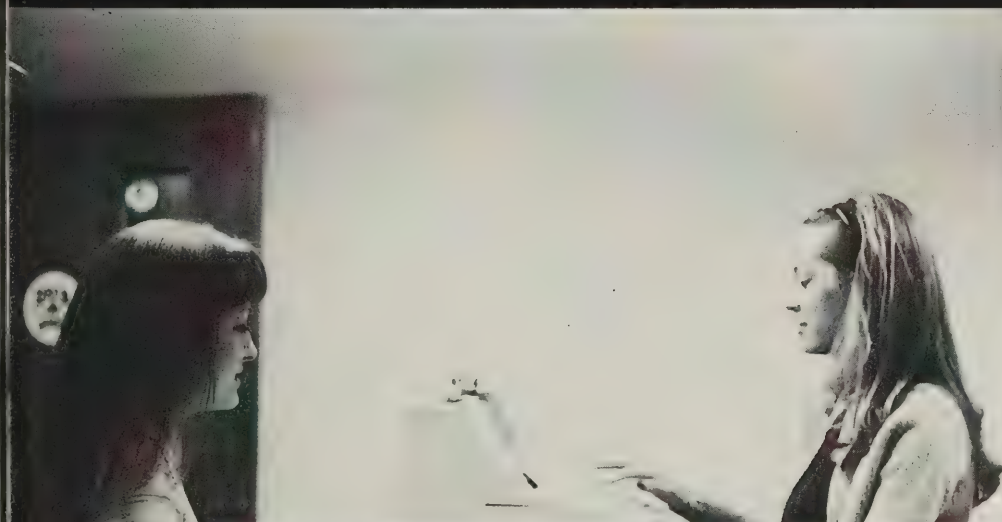
Another popular club at Stafford was DECA. DECA was a club for students taking cooperative classes. These classes coincided with a student's out-of-school job. DECA had many activities scheduled throughout the year, one of which included raising money for a family at Christmas. The members also participated in an area contest. When asked about the contest, Jennifer Jury said, "I really had fun and learned a lot this year on the field trips." Both DECA and FBLA were productive clubs which gave the students a great chance to get real world knowledge while attending high school. *Story by Steve Miller.*



**FBLA 1:** *Front Row:* Mrs. Bunn, Ghia Bailey, Kamilah Kittrell, Carrie Hall, Mike Danzi, Lynette Evans, Brandy Waters. *Second Row:* Angela Morris, Anthony Cowan II, Jehan Crum-Gibson, Tiffany Snellings, Dana Marshall, Wendy O'Brian, Ryan McGee, Jeneen Sprull, Lyndsay Eames. *Third Row:* Brandon Brown, Jennifer Rector, Joyce Garland, Stephanie Trant, Valerie Jenkins, Brandon Smith, Darcey Pearce, Melissa Newton. *Fourth Row:* Daniel Perry, Jamie Powers, Will Monroe, James Ripley, Steven Love, Joseph Royston, Robert Orange, Rudolph Kelly, Mark Perez.



**FBLA 2:** *Front Row:* Rebecca Johnsen, Sara Elmore, Stephanie Lee, Liz Murray, Norma Castellon, Joel Brunk. *Second Row:* Melissa Love, Paul Valge, Sam Mock, Ashley Pollpeter, Rebecca Bradmen, Christie Doebel, Tim Sullivan. *Third Row:* Johnny Cabaniss, Jackie Bratager, Jamie Sullivan, Melissa Campbell, Sarah Sullivan, Caroline Loving, Ferida Meyer, Ashley Dowling, Karen Young. *Fourth Row:* Danny Labar, Allen Edwards, Bobbi Snellings, Jessica Convington, Kelly Coppage, Taylor Dodd, Amy Gilkerson, Bonnie Jones, Heather Cook, Kristy Proffitt, Jeff Newton, Sara Bailey. *Fifth Row:* Kenneth Raymond, Andrene Swader, Huei Ping Lau, Robert King, Shelly Whitney, Katie Ruffato, Chris Truslow, Pete Gillson, Cole Everett, Emily Ryan, Brad Hayes.



**Top: Look At All Them Words.** *Kamilia Cantrell and Lynette Evans examine an informational sheet at an FBLA meeting. The FBLA officers gave the club the information they needed at each meeting.*  
*Photo by Meaghan Wilson.*

**Left: That Will Be Five Thousand Dollars!** *Maranda George buys some much needed supplies from Allison Rose at the school store. The school store was open everyday before and after school.*  
*Photo by Rebecca Graham.*



# CLUBS WITH A CAUSE

## *Environmental Club, Debate, and Forensics*

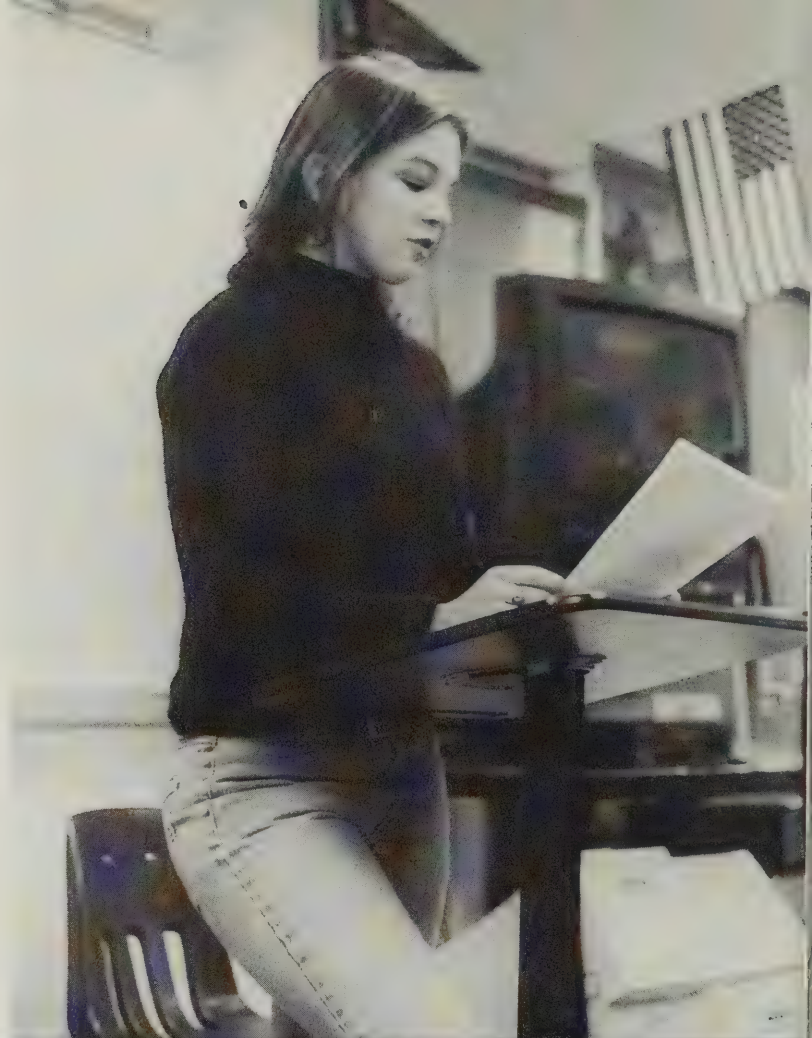
Environmental Club, Debate, and Forensics gave students a regular place to assert their opinions and just plain be themselves. These clubs were incredibly popular with students because of this.

Ashlie Johnson, vice president of The Environmental Club, said, "We have a lot of fun doing something that needs to be done." The main focus of this club was speaking out against littering and other actions that pollute the environment, so this club had a truly worthy cause.

Debate and Forensics taught students how to voice their opinions on such issues. Amanda Johnson said of debate, "Mrs. DeCarli is a great teacher. She teaches you to condescend while you're speaking, so you really get the point across that you're trying to make."

Learning how to vocalize your opinions could be quite enjoyable sometimes. Matt Lawrence said, "You learn how to talk in front of people—and it's a lot of fun! Mrs. DeCarli rocks!"

These clubs taught students that their opinions *do* matter in our society, and showed them how to communicate these opinions to their peers. Knowing how to do this is knowing how to make a difference in the world, and that is what these individuals learned in these clubs. *Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.*



**Environment Club** Front Row: Soyuen Lee, Amy Poe, Sammantha Martin. Second Row: Mr. Summers, Sarah Heffner, Ashlie Johnson, Onicha Mitchai.

Top Right: **Tell Me More** *Melissa Wilson gives a speech during class. In all these clubs, speeches on different issues were crucial to the learning of the students.* Photo by Ellen Ahearn.

Right: **What Now?** *During her oral presentation, Angie Mathis searches for another point she wants to make to the class. Oral presentations could be a nerve-racking, yet enjoyable for most students.* Photo by Amanda Summers.







**Debate And Forensics:** *Front Row:* Ali Wyne, Amy Poe *Second Row:* Zaahira Wyne, Candice Russell, Katie Carter *Second Row:* Lisa Marietta, Robert King, Ashlie Johnson, Rebecca Graham

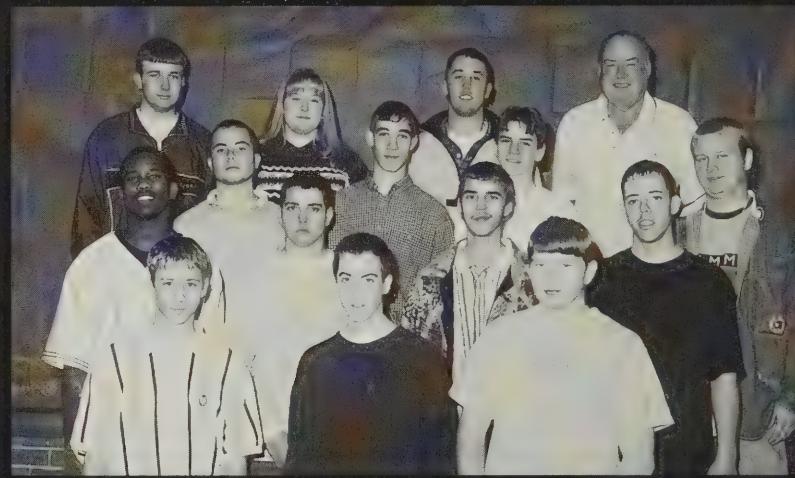
**Top: Do I Agree With This?** *Kellie Schremp and Ashlie Johnson listen intently to the oral presentation of another student in their class. Oral presentations could be very interesting for people to listen to, and could even give students new knowledge on a subject they were interested in. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*

**Left: Feedback Please** *Listening to her teacher tell her the good points and bad points in her paper, Bonnie Jones makes a mental note of the things she needs to strengthen. Feedback from other students and teachers helped students immensely in improving their papers for these classes. Photo by Ellen Ahearn.*





**Carpentry** *Front Row:* David Smith, Ned Bocco, Marcus Springs, Dan Jensen, James Newton, Brandon Fines  
*Second Row:* J.T. Morris, James Essex, Denis Sanderson, James Rector, Brandon West, Justin Spindle, Justin Berger, J.R. Johnson  
*Third Row:* Daniocus Davis, Josh McDonald, Gary Minter, David Morcom, Steven Lawrence, Josh Rodriguez, Caleb Newton, Charles Cooke, Adam Tutor  
*Fourth Row:* Kevin Tobey, Justin Ward, Adam Lester, Jason Turner, Allen Withers, Kim Beales, Tony Fiesel, Kevin Mitchell, Travis Anderson, Kenny Henderson, Ricky Phelps



**Masonry** *Front Row:* Steven Mahoney, Patrick Brennen, James Taylor. *Second Row:* Quincy Garnett, Jimmy Hare, Chad Jordan, Herb Meadows. *Third Row:* Matt Lanhom, Bob Mullen, Bryan Gillespie, Paul Kelly. *Fourth Row:* Bob Silvan, Kim Beales, Justin Ward, Mr. Ron Beverly

Top: **Teamwork...** Josh Thompson and Kate Godfrey work together to carry the boxes of fruit that VICA sold this year. Photo by Heather Akin.

Right: **Whistle While We Work...** Travis Anderson and crew work on the finishing touches of the outside of the house. Photo by Matt Catalano.







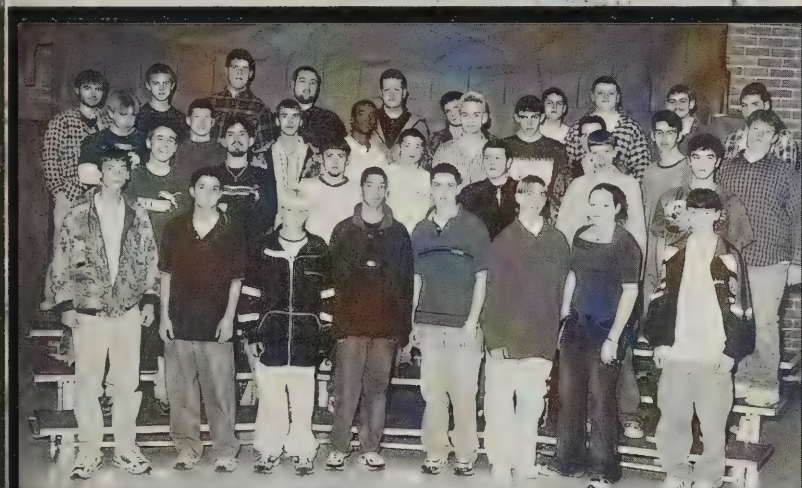
# VICA

## Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

VICA is one of the clubs that is the most largely populated by the students in Stafford. "The last time I counted, we had a number around 400," said Mr. Jett, the sponsor for VICA. Mr. Jett was a student here at Stafford and also participated in the club during his high school years, which made his dedication for the past 11 years as a sponsor for the club worthwhile.

The students who are involved in VICA are skilled in their talents of fixing hair, fixing a car, building machinery, building a house, and having the know-how to do the electric wiring in a house. With these talents that many out in the world already do for a living, students are able to get a head start and even compete in their skill. This year they competed at Courtland High School with hopes of finishing first.

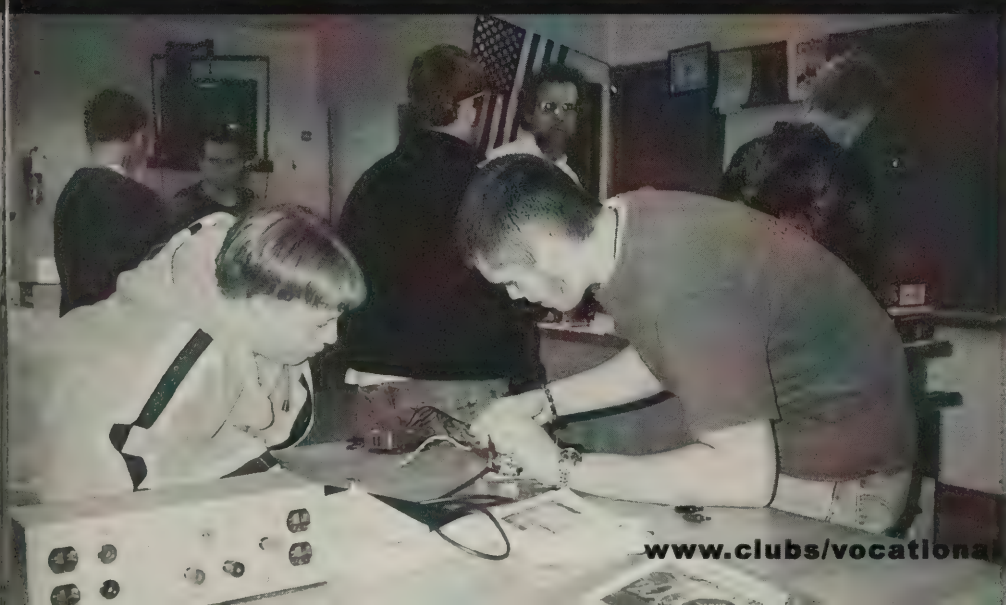
This year the leaders of the VICA were President Kevin Cogley, Vice President Ebony Mathewson, Secretary Nicole Rodler, Treasurer Corrina Nickels, and Reporter Jessica Covington. "Typically we would meet once every nine weeks, and we discussed things like raising money for the club, like the fruit sale," said Ebony Mathewson. The fruit sale is one fundraiser that the VICA club has participated in for the past years, and it's very successful. "People don't think that it's a real money-maker, but we always end up with a lot of dough," said Ben Parsons sarcastically. *Story by Laurie Mathias.*



**Electricity** Front Row: C.J. Morgan, James Navarro, Steven Bryant, Quinn Echols, Taylor Wood, Brian Zehring, Sam Anderson, Zack Richbourg. Second Row: Chris Davis, Ruben Carvajal, Jason Roberts, David Morcom, Luck Shelton, John Rymarz, Tony Brors Third Row: Sean White, James Galyen, Chad Jordan, Dee Green, Joe Czarnik, Brandon West, Brandon Fines, Richard McIntosh, Michael Carter. Fourth Row: Josh Bouthyard, Sam Ferrebee, Allen Withers, Joe Winiesdorffer, Kevin Toby, Kevin Mitchell, Anthony Fiesel, Jason Turner, Richard Fitzwell, Michael Duer.



**CTE** Front Row: Heather McGinness, Mark Harrison, Wesley Thompson, Alicia Schmidt, Adam Cribb, Bryan Gillispie, Mr. Brunson. Second Row: Andrea Hill, Dave Johnson, C.J. Morgan, Ross Duval, Mason O'Roark, Matt Rasmussen, Christian French, Aaron Brantrom. Third Row: Tonya Melkovitz, Allyson Rose, Adam Lester, Matt Furry, Danny Shifflet, Jesse French, Marie Osborn, Derrick Gayle, Gregory Rodgers. Fourth Row: Lee Shelton, Stuart Turner, Justin Ward, Ruben Carvajal, Ryan Musselman, Matt Tyler, Ray Richards, Zak Maples



Top Left: **Working Hard...** Scott Hicks enjoys the opportunity to work on the house that Stafford volunteered to make this year. Photo by Matt Catalano.

Left: **Hands-on Experience...** Josh Burgess enjoys working with his hands in his electricity class. Photo by Jessica Player.



Right: **Listen Up! Kevin Cogley talks to VICA members about upcoming events. As president of VICA, Kevin did much work for the club, which included students from drafting, masonry, auto mechanics, and other trade-related classes.** Photo by Heater Akin.

**COE** Front Row: Tiffany Snellings, Maranda George, Amanda Fessler, Crystal Henson, Laura Gardner, Kristen Johnson, Shanna Reimulh. Second Row: Mrs. Gilbert, Jennifer Rector, Kelly Fenton, Angela Carneal, Alice Ferguson, April Haynes, Bonnie Jones, Michelle Jacob, Anne Goska, Mrs. Bunn. Third Row: Kelly Turco, Cyndi Harding, Samantha Fisher, Joyce Garland, Amanda Pearson, Nicole Vancoder, Jon Sullivan, Dustin Chittam, Stephan Pates. Fourth Row: Andrene Swader, Sara Elmore, Stephanie Lee, Jennifer Burdette, Alisha Hirt, Michele Baril, Kimberley Beales, Crystal Watson, Amy Crawford, Angela McIntosh, Cole Everett

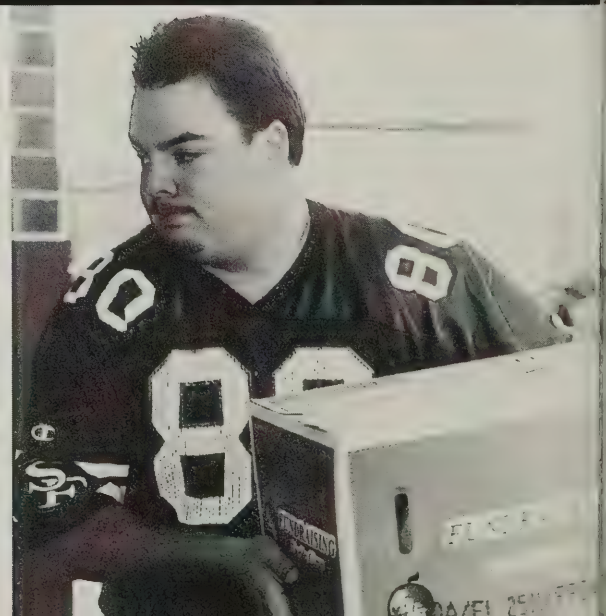


**Cosmetology** Front Row: Michelle Fontenot, Monet Taylor, Casey Welsh, Caroline Kelley. Second Row: Mrs. Brasch, Niki Nasuti, Danielle Ammens, Karena Nichols, Tara Rose, Nicole White, Renee Rodler, Kristen Robertson, Jessica Mudd. Third Row: Sam Pagano, Aimee Hilderbrand, Annmarie Butcher, Jessica Covington, Nicole Rodler, Jessica Wenzel, Melissa SanPietro, Mrs. Gibson. Fourth Row: Morgan Wells-Stokes, Monisha Brown, Tiffany Brown, Katie Clore, Stacy Burns, Danielle Lucas, Angela Morris, Patricia Sidam, Stacy Paul, Jennifer Peterson. Fifth Row: Kristina Jones, Alayna Newby, Eboni Mathewson, Laura Fermaint, Lateesha Cooper, Arishandria Watts, Nicole Wilson, Katie Harris, Amy Hughes, Amanda Koppel, Lisa Weyforth



**TSA** Front Row: Nick Sullivan, Carl Lynn, Shawn Stone. Second Row: Daniel Maddox, Bill Krugler, Gabe Gassie, James Tickel, Kyle Smoot. Third Row: Kristina Boyd, Tara Sullivan, Amber Duffy, William Chang, Robert Carey. Fourth Row: Jean Cornwell, Chris Fentley, Tommy Duffy, Matt Lust

Right: **Toting Fruit... Chris Shaffer helps unload the fruit off of the truck. The fruit sale was an important fundraiser to VICA Club members.** Photo by Heater Akin.







**Drafting:** *Front Row:* Brandon Luck, Patrick Rogers, Kayla Mott, D.J. Eagal, Jaimie Rittenour, Jennifer Sloat, Jenny Brooks, Nicole Swink, Delwyn Harvey, Derrick Moore *Second Row:* Shane Grizzle, William Neese, Tori Grauer, Jeff Sparks, Jason Phipps, Carsen Tyson, Josh Clatterbuck, Richie Dickenson, Kate Godfrey, Katie Franke, Chris Downing *Third Row:* Josh Frazier, Joe Dodson, Kyke Boutchyard, Luke Lenzi, Shane Leeper, David Hargis, Mark Crossnicker, Jason Sihrer, Travis Srygley, Ben Parsons, Andrew Mondak *Back Row:* Drew Berreth, David Algert, Kevin Cogley, Ryan Chewning, David Janney, Kevin Roberts, Matt Bland, Jeff Denson, Gary Mellett

**Automechanics:** *Front Row:* Jason Weber, Alex Bratter, Danny Bond, Mark Schenemann, Kyle Whitlock, Patrick Jenkins, Kenny Haynes, Ashley Barnett, Steven Dessell, Chris Simpson *Second Row:* Tim Jones, David Burner, Joey Coleman, Ray Richards, David Smith, Allen Farmer, James Newton, Josh Tolson, Scott Lawson, Dallas Cousins *Third Row:* Daniel Lamboy, William Curtis, Kevin Hitt, Thomas Welsey, Russel Fitzgerald, P.J. Depersio, Sean Henry, Thomas Byrne, James Gaylen, Matt Gallahan, Josh Thompson *Fourth Row:* Tobias Merchant-Dest, Steve Weimer, Kenny Aubrey, Zack Kolan, Joe Upps, Eric Brito, Gerry Slack, Keith Thompson, Daniel Suyllivan, Ben Smith, Bobby Synan, John Prowett *Fifth Row:* Jason Hitt, Josh Farrar, Justin Harrison, Kevin Tobey, Jorden Earnes, David Tuscany, Jason Simpson, Ryan Warner, David Hooker, Brian Kersetter, Robert Tolson



**Top:** Hmmm, Your Part's Not Straight! Amanda Koppel styles the dummy's hair in Cosmetology. These students got to style hair and do nails. Photo by Jessica Player.

**Left:** Workin' Hard! Jamail Ramsuer participates in a masonry activity. In masonry there were many times when students would have to dig in and get their hands dirty. Photo by Matt Catalano.





**Ping Pong:** *Front Row:* Amanda Zawora, Tara Sullivan, Rebekah Smart, Carl Lynn  
*Second Row:* Mr. Schrader, John Hewitt, Peter Whitford, Justin Olsen, Erin Hall, Mr. Pratte  
*Third Row:* Kyle Gryzb, Jon Hoffman, Chris Horne, Danielle Durham, Sarah Mancini, Michael Mancini



**Interact Club:** *Front Row:* Michelle Dudash, Sara Brown, Michelle Wood, Christine Barber  
*Second Row:* Deanna Cox, Katy Brooks, Christine Griffith  
*Third Row:* Tori Grauer, Will White, Julie Brown, Emily Dursa, Bert Jacoby



**Right: It's Slimy!** Beth Johnson helps Erin Russel carve his pumpkin for the Science Club. Each month, the Science club had a special "club day."  
 Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

**Above: Yeah, Right Here...** Mr. Powell points out the exact location of the grave cites he found. Mr. Powell tried his hardest to make the History Club fun as well as educational. Photo by Christina Rubenstein.

**Right: Makin' The Cut...** Ashley Ludlow and Kellie Schremp team up to carve their pumpkins. The special "club days" usually pertained to the season; at that time, obviously, it was October. Photo by Meagan Hewitt.

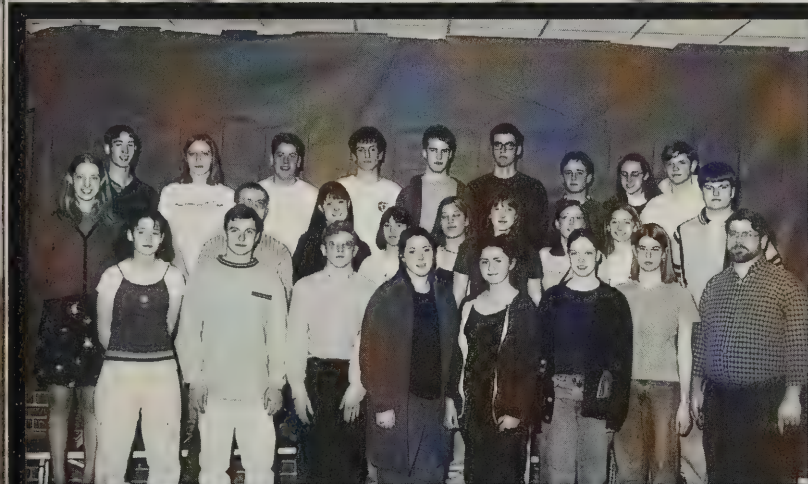




# HISTORY & SCIENCE

*A little bit of history, mixed with science, goes a long way...*

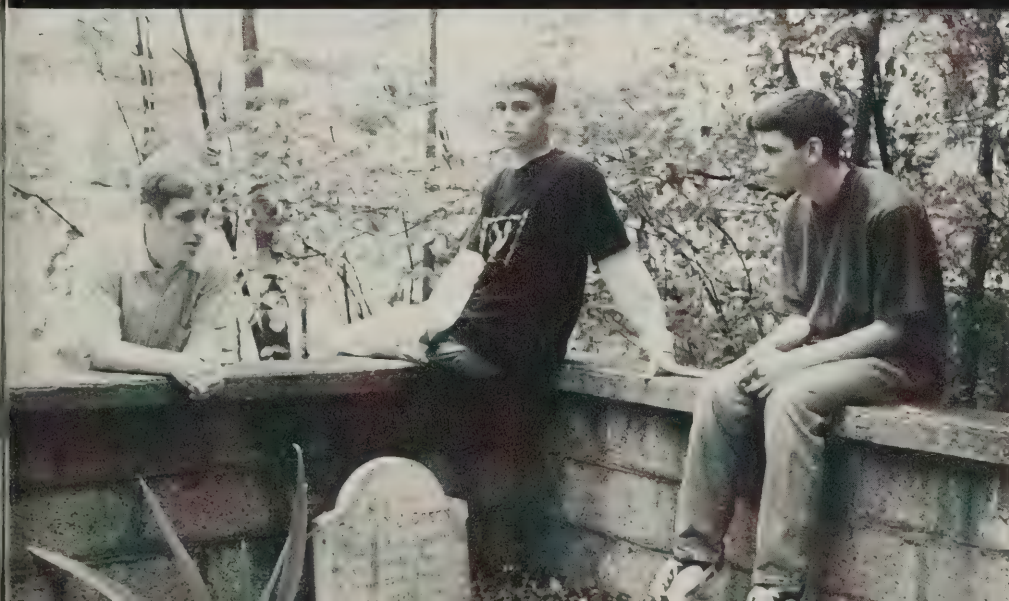
Everyone has a class during the day that they look forward to. For some, it's P.E. or lunch, but for others, it's their history or science class. These students made the extra effort to learn as much as possible about the subject by joining either the History Club or the Science Club. Mostly these clubs, "just take field trips to places of interest," said Kellie Schremp of the Science Club, "like to the aquarium in Baltimore." Both clubs have fund-raisers periodically throughout the year. "Right now, we're selling candy and lollipops," said Meghan Hewitt of the History Club. The History Club "gets together and watches movies after school," and the Science Club "takes care of all the aquariums in the Marine Biology room," said Josh Thompson and Carlee Brueser, respectively. These clubs were educational as well as a lot of fun. The "students get to do what they want to do and learn about what they want to learn about," said Mr. Schrader, sponsor of the Science Club. *Story by Ashley Dameron.*



**Historical Society** *Front Row:* Julia Davezac, Craig Hamilton, Tim Martin, Rebecca Graham, Bri Bevan, Mary McDougal, Jillian White, Mr. Powell *Second Row:* Meghan Hewitt, Chris Hartford, Sarah Mannicini, Sara Saphos, Britt Schaide, Laura Baker, Emily Driver, Leslie-Ann Johnson, Jonathan Bradshaw *Third Row:* Nathan White, Karen McGillicuddy, Andrew Johnson, Brian Heffner, Michael Mancini, Jay Underwood, Eric Harvey, Sarah Helfner, Adam Peck



**Science Club** *First Row:* Ned Bocco, Bill Kugler, Lindsey Hession, Kellie Schremp, Melissa Peretich, Leigh Willhoit, Mary McDougal *Second Row:* Mr. Pratte, Creston Miller, Chris Hartford, Ian Thomas, Eric Wall, Sarah Mancini, Lesley Wall, Michelle Ulrich, Aaron Russell *Third Row:* Jon Gaines, Erica Vos, Paul Kalsen, Veronica Pugh, Michael Peretich, Amanda Zawora, Robyn Good, Justin Salerno, Mr. Schrader *Fourth Row:* Kendrick Cary, Bill Benson, Ashley Ludlow, Beth Johnson, Jeff Cooper, Carlee Brueser, Jay Underwood, Derek Salerno, Kevin Louder, Michael Mancini



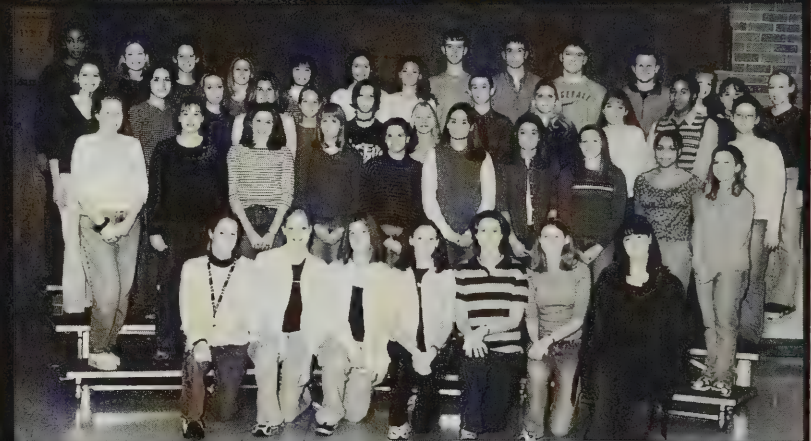
**Top Left:** *Let Me See...* Heather Groff tries to peer into the pumpkin that she and Justin Salerno are carving. The Science Club made science a fun experience for members. *Photo by Ashley Ludlow.*

**Left:** *Strike A Pose...* Eric Harvey, Josh Thompson, and Matt Smoot visit the grave site behind the water tower. Mr. Powell found the two pre-Civil War burials, and has made it the objective of the History Club to maintain the graves. *Photo by Christina Rubenstein.*





**Spanish Club:** *Front Row:* Michael Mancini, Brandon Hopkins, Anthony Varga, Chris Hottel, Michael Meyer, Ali Groff, Caitlyn Faller, Dan Cozzati *Second Row:* Caty Chichester, Robert Marlow, Mollee Anzivino, Lesley Wall, Ferida Meyer, Nichole Carper, Sarah Sullivan, Marjorie Franke, Leslie Rothman, Laura Johnson *Third Row:* Brian Ford, Rebecca Hefflin, Wendy Madison, Micky Sullivan, Ryan Poe, Dustin Wood, Amy Gilkerson, Amber Duffy, Matt Harris, Katie Catalano, Jessica Mumford, Jamie Gilkerson, William White *Fourth Row:* Ashley Crooks, Lauren Holland, Sarah Zoric, Megan Vrabel, Sally York, Eric Dowling, Nathan Thompson, Andy Saller, Rob Peterson, Krystina Palmer, Jeff Newton



**Spanish Club:** *Front Row:* Normarie Castillon, Shelley Whitney, Brit Schjeide, Tara Sullivan, Erin Hall, Allen Ahearn, Sarah Mancini *Second Row:* Jennifer Beard, Tori Dungan, Krista Eck, Melissa Love, Amanda Johnson, Heather Akin, Katherine Thompson, Allison Rankin, Lisa Maloney, Amy Poe *Third Row:* Ashley Ludlow, Maria Cabrero, Jamie Sullivan, Ashleigh Covington, Bonnie Ludlow, Paul Valge, Annie Strickler, Joel Brunk, Jamie Powers, Heather Gallo, Susan Walker, Elizabeth Peterkin *Fourth Row:* Ghia Bailey, Kellie Schremp, Blair Lawrence, Andrea Varga, Huei Lau, Valerie Rodriguez, Steffanie Heffeman *Fifth Row:* Jason Sihrer, Cole Everett, Bryan Kerstetter, Chad Willis, Stephanie Nesmith, Christine Ouelette, Kristin McCants

**Top: You're Coming Today, Right?** Mrs. Justice discusses plans for the German Club meeting to be held that afternoon. German Club meetings were generally a chance to get to know your teacher and fellow students with an interest in the language. Photo by Sarah Bryant.

**German Club:** *Front Row:* Leigh Willhoit, Cindy Muzzy, Michelle Mullenkamp, Vikki Steele, Jessica Player *Second Row:* Sarah Mancini, Megan Wood, Kathy Schneider, Lauren Kirby *Third Row:* Joy Edgar, Michael Mancini, Jessica Poe, Eric Harvey





# SPANISH & GERMAN

## *Hóla! Guten Tag!*

Generally during foreign language class, students were busy conjugating verbs, giving presentations, and working on their pronunciation. But after school, members of the Spanish and German clubs were discussing projects and field trips for the up-coming year, as well as chowing down on delicious, and many times authentic, dishes and snacks. "I love Spanish Club," said Blair Lawrence, "We get to eat all we want and talk about the cool field trips we're going to take this year."

Club meetings also gave the students time to socialize with others, a luxury many teachers did not allow in class. At German Club meetings, students generally "hung out" and talked to their friends. Jay Underwood said, "I love German Club meetings. I get to talk to a lot of my friends."

Overall, many members found the club meetings to be interactive and fun, as well as appetizing. Fried ice cream day seemed to be a popular meeting for the Spanish Club. All in all, the Spanish and German Clubs accomplished a lot this year. They continued to close the gap between English and two common foreign languages for many students, young and old. Senior Meghan Hewitt said, "I love Spanish, and I am so happy I can be a part of one of the most popular clubs at Stafford!" *Story by Stephanie Heffernan.*



**Top Left: Just A Little To The Left...** Senior Kellie Schremp hangs a pinata for the Spanish Club's Christmas meeting. The students who attended the meeting had the chance to participate in the fun and games, including the smashing of this snowman pinata. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*

**Above: Where Did It Go?** Shaun Myers tries to smash the pinata for Spanish Club. Fun activates like this were a bonus of being in the foreign language clubs, besides the great food and fun trips that were available to students. *Photo by Augusta Kuchinski.*

**Left: Careful of that Rope!** Ashley Ludlow dodges the burn of the rope which Blair Lawrence is strategically pulling. Blair helped out by pulling the rope for the pinata at the Spanish Club's winter meeting in December. *Photo by Sarah Bryant.*







**Top: Officers In Action** *Constantine Langa, president of the French Club, led the other officers as they informed the club's members of activities planned.* Photo by Lindsay Hession.

**Above: Do As The Romans Do** *Derek Salerno and Kyle Hubbard are dressed for the Roman Banquet.* Submitted by Emily Dursa.

**Right: Party Of The Gods** *Mary McDougal and Hanan Nassau enjoy the party scene at the Junior Classical League Convention for Latin Club. Participating in a costume contest was a really a lot of fun.* Submitted by Emily Dursa.





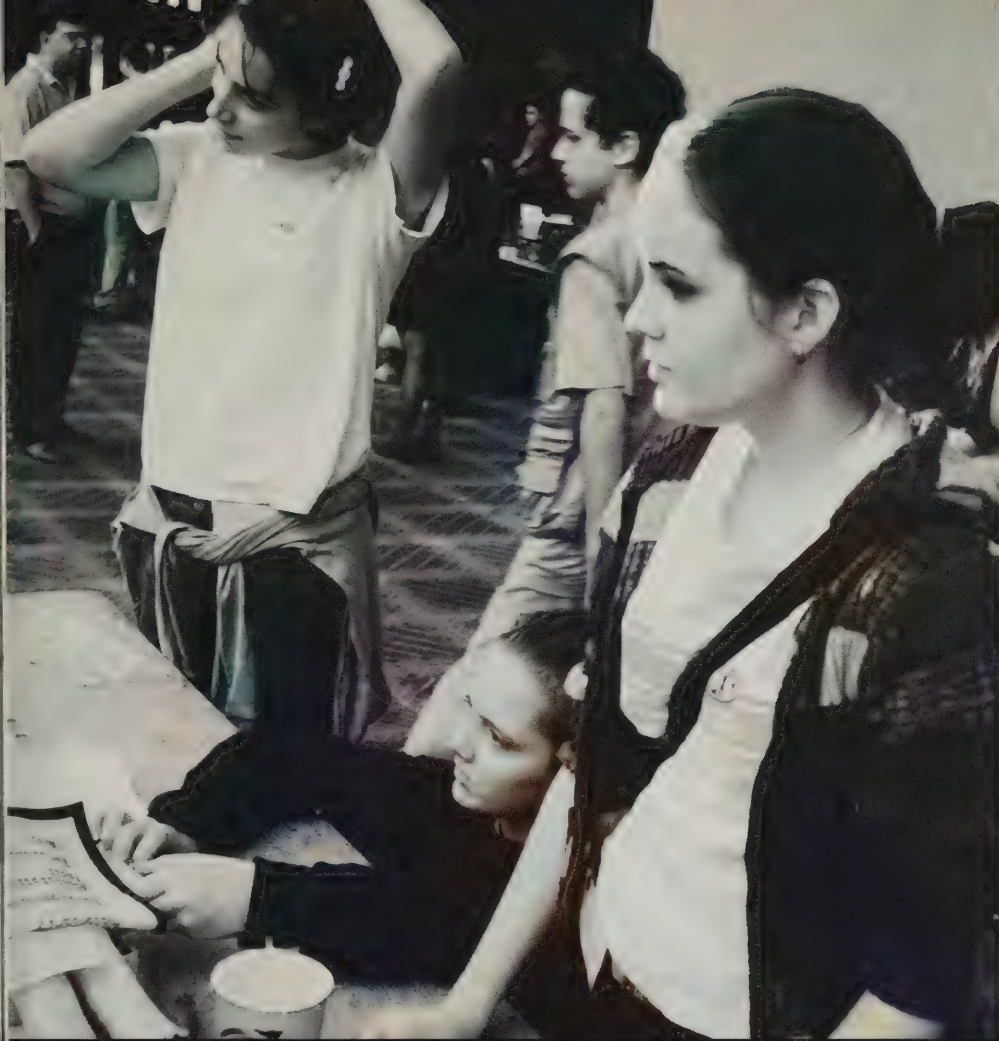
# FRENCH & LATIN

## Clubs Help with Learning

Taking a foreign language really did have it's advantages. Besides having the ability to speak another language fluently, the privilege of being in a club was what made taking the class completely worthwhile. The French and Latin clubs were busy, busy, busy all year long with numerous activities. Meme Dameron, the sponsor of the French Club, constantly pushed her students to participate in the club, and also to be involved in the community service that the club took part in. "It was really nice when we went to the Hope House and sang Christmas carols to the kids and their mothers," said Darcey Pearce. Helping out the community gave the students a feeling of pride and satisfaction in knowing they did some good. "I think everyone enjoys being in the club and has a lot of fun. We are definitely well-known for our Valentine flower sales," said Alli Fuller, a French club officer.

The Latin Club also had its share of activities. Meetings were held frequently and as often as needed. Although the club did not have an enormous amount of members, as other foreign language clubs may have had, they still had just as much fun and worked just as hard. "We just try to do everything that we can to spread the love of the classical studies," said Derek Salemo.

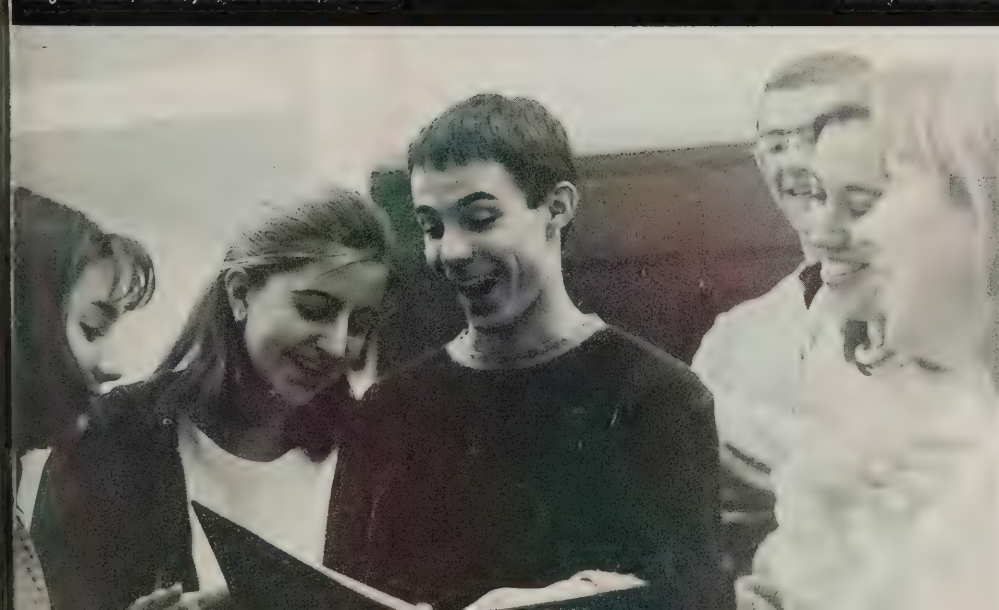
Overall, the advantage of being part of a club was the great times and memories it provided, the combination of the officers' hard work and determination, as well as the members participation. This made 1999-2000 a most successful schoolyear the French and Latin clubs. *Story by Robyn P. Good.*



**French Club** *Front Row:* Ms. Dameron, Mary Cline, Mariely Meza, Zaahira Wyne, Ali Wyne, Diana Young, Stefanie Harris, Sarah Cline, Candace Whittemore, Danielle Jennings. *Second Row:* Jenni Witten, Jon Stabb, Jennifer Polickowski, Melissa Peretich, Elizabeth Smith, Katrina Bishop, Christina Griffith, Jennifer Bagley, Buffy Ripley, Augusta Kuchinski. *Third Row:* Marci Mitchell, Nada Zaiden, Veronica Pugh, Ashley Aynes, Megan Wood, Robyn Good, Darcey Pearce, Hwei Ping Lau. *Fourth Row:* Gabe Gassie, Joy Edgar, Teresa Donaldson, Justin Salerno, Meaghan Wilson, Brad Saylor, Julia Davezac, Jill Nelson



**Latin Club:** *Front Row:* Bill Kugler, Sara Saphos, Diana Price, Britt Smith. *Second Row:* Shawn Stone, Britt Schjeide, Nikki Driver, Mary McDougal, Rebekah Smart, Lisa Thomas. *Third Row:* Dan Thompson, Thao Nguyen, Michael Bayliss, Hanan Nassau, Lisa Marietta, Veronica Pugh, Brandi Lauderman. *Fourth Row:* Laura Carruba, Tony Caruso, Erica Vos, Kyle Hubbard, Ashley Belea, Danielle Blosser. *Not pictured:* Elisa Monfomoso, Wayne Barnum, Kristen Elstein, Elizabeth Phillips, Jason Robinson, Laura Duerksen, Zak Sawyer, Kelli Fern, Dwight Randall, Jetta Peterkin, Michelle Musselman, Zack Glidwell, Derek Salemo, Brittany McGrath



**Top Left: Making Money** *Diana Price and Ashley Belyea sell t-shirts to make money for the Latin Club at the convention held in November.* Photo by Emily Dursa.

**Left: In Today's Agenda** *French Club officers discuss the day's plans and how they will organize the annual Valentine's Day Sales.* Photo by Lindsay Hession.



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you and all your  
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Your family*







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To win the respect of intelligent people  
And the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
And endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To appreciate beauty,  
To find the best in others;  
To leave the world a bit better,  
Whether by a healthy child,  
A garden patch  
Or a redeemed social condition,  
To know even one life has breathed easier  
Because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded."*

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Love,  
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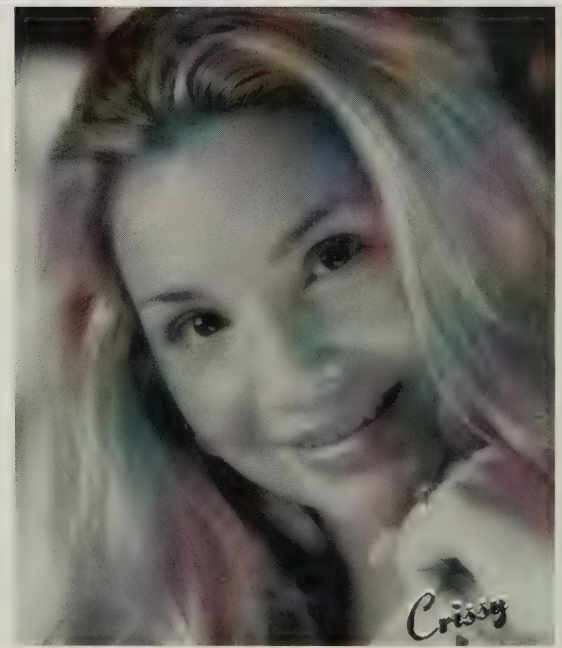
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# Chris,

*Watching you grow and become  
your own person,  
With your own ideas and life,  
Your opinions, wants and needs  
Have helped us to grow too.  
Go forth into the world—be  
yourself—*

*Laugh, love, live...  
Dream, aspire, hope...  
Succeed, fail, reach out...  
Experience life as only you can.  
Just remember we're there for  
you, through it all.*

# Love, Mom and Dad







*"To accomplish great things  
we must not only act but also  
DREAM...not only plan  
but also believe."*

-Antone France

## **Congratulations, Heather!**

**May God bless you as you  
begin a new stage in life!  
Remember to dream  
and believe!**

*We love you very much,  
Mom, Dad, Michael, and Allison*



## **On with the Lindsey Lemoine show!**

*We wish you faith, hope  
and courage to follow  
your dreams.*

**Love always,  
Mom and Dad**



## **Jennifer,**

*Best wishes for a  
bright and happy  
future.*

**We're proud of you!**

**Love from  
Mom, Dad, and Will**



**Ben,  
Walk softly, but carry a big stick. We're proud of you.**  
*Mom, Dad, and Lindsay*



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**Love, Mom and Dad**



## *Of An Idyllic King*

*Parents grounded in Faith  
Bring forth a Child without hate.  
A Child who lives beyond strife,  
With reverence for all Life.*

*Transported in a plastic crate,  
From Virginia to another state,  
He lived in glass rooms,  
For more than two moons.*

*Tubes here, tubes there,  
Tubes for blood, tubes for air,  
He lived from day to day  
So someday, he would play.*

*Hemophilia, hydrocephalous, respiratory aspiration,  
His valiance and courage are an inspiration.  
Seizures are petit, and some are grand mall,  
But they do not prevent him from playing ball.*

*Trust in Dios, Familia, Nacion, and self,  
And living in spite of precarious health,  
He knows high achievements aren't simply dreams,  
For they are all within his means.*

*Sisters are Templars from the Knight,  
Who help him to wage the fight,  
Though the odds be great or small,  
Never to surrender from the call.*

*Born for many reasons,  
Living for many seasons,  
Mercer Payne's reach  
Is just beyond the breach*

*To the Excalibur Sword.*

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**Congratulations,  
 Jeff!**

Work hard; keep  
 smiling.  
 We are proud of you.  
 "Walk in the light."

Love,  
*Momma, Daddy, and  
 Wendy*



**To our favorite daughter and sister-**

**We are so proud of you--  
 All the hurdles you have sailed over,  
 All the things you have accomplished,  
 All the special characteristics that make you  
 who you are.**

**We love you very much!**  
*Mom, Dad, Roy, and Colin*



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*"You measure the size of the accomplishment by the obstacles you had to overcome to reach your goals."*

-Booker T. Washington

**We couldn't be prouder!  
 With loving thoughts for  
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*Mom, Dad, P.J., and Stephen*





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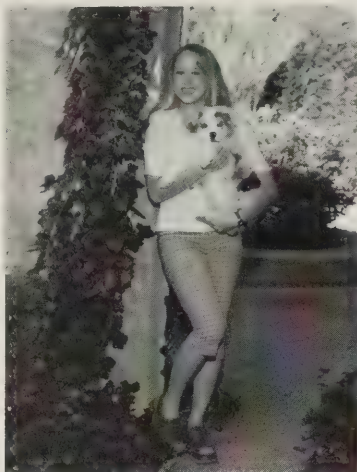


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*We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. We pray that God will bless your future with success and happiness.*

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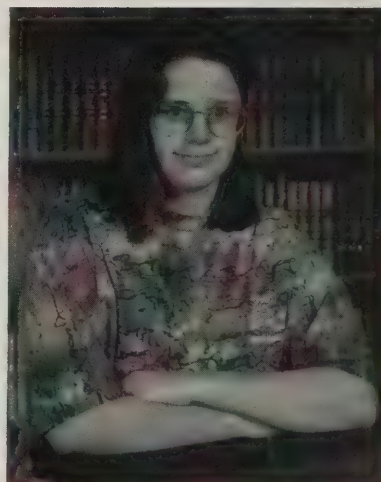
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Love,  
Mom and Dad

*“More precious  
than any diamond  
or pearl. They  
broke the mold  
when you came in  
this world.”*



**Congratulations  
to our little  
tough guy!**

Love,  
Mom and Dad



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do on this earth that will  
bring life and last for  
eternity are the things  
we do out of love. May  
you discover that which  
you love. And may your  
dreams be limited only  
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# millennium

Disappointment and confusion racked almost everyone's brain when the clock struck midnight, and the year 2000 began. Where was all the chaos? Where was all the wide-spread madness?

The Y2K phenomenon turned out to be a big hoax, and those who had been sucked into this sham were thoroughly upset. Some people had gone out and spent all of their money on preparation for the coming "Apocalypse," and these poor people saw their hard-earned money wasted on preparations, all for nothing.

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**Top Left: Could be in Pictures...** Chris Janney flashes his pearly whites for the camera of one of our yearbook photographers while in class. Photo by Heather Akin.

**Left: Teachin' the Children** Mr. Andrews attempts to guide Erin Wood toward the correct observation in her writing. Photo by Jessica Player.

**Right: Sport Kickoff** The volleyball team had their first season in the year 1999, and brought in a respectable showing. They had only just begun. Photo by Amanda Summers.

**Opposite Page: Tribe on the Warpath** Veronique Noel shows her Indian spirit at a Friday night home football game. Photo by Jennifer Yednock.

**Opposite Page Middle Insert: Arousing the Crowd** Jenny Garrison, Angel Dodson, Jessica Player, Laurie Mathias, Lauren Pcsolyar, and coach Janet Baggett take a break from cheering to watch the basketball game. The Stafford cheerleaders went on to the state Competition. Photo contributed by Jessica Player.

**Opposite Page Bottom Insert: Continued Winning Tradition** Ashley Roberson passes the ball to a teammate during a regional game. The girls field hockey team went to states again this year, continuing their long tradition of victory. Photo by Kevin Louder.



**Top Left: Music: It's Their Life** Fellow school band members Nate McSpadden and Eric Marth bang away on their drums during their band period. Band members had to be incredibly dedicated to music in order to succeed. Photo by Rebecca Graham.

**Above: No More Work** Danielle Brown sits in the library research center, looking for information for a report. Photo by Britt Smith.

**Far Left: What a Gal!** Christina Cushing helps out during the annual food drive. Photo by Ashley Ludlow.

**Left: Champions** Mark Crosnicker, Ryan Chewning, Matt Catalano, and Kevin Louder await their medals after the regional swimming competition. They placed third overall for their relay competition efforts. Photo contributed by Kevin Louder.





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English teacher Mrs. DeCarli said, "The media should have been held accountable for causing a frenzy among people who couldn't really afford it." Generally, the majority of people agreed with this statement.

For some reason, people expected something to change as the twentieth century ended as well. However, things seemed just as they always had, and this disturbed some people. Alex Schlosser explained, "I kinda wish something exciting had happened; it gets boring doing just the same thing over and over again..."

Some people held more of an optimistic view of the whole situation though. Russell Roles laughed, "Thanks to my mom, I now have enough ramen noodles to hold me over until the next millennium."

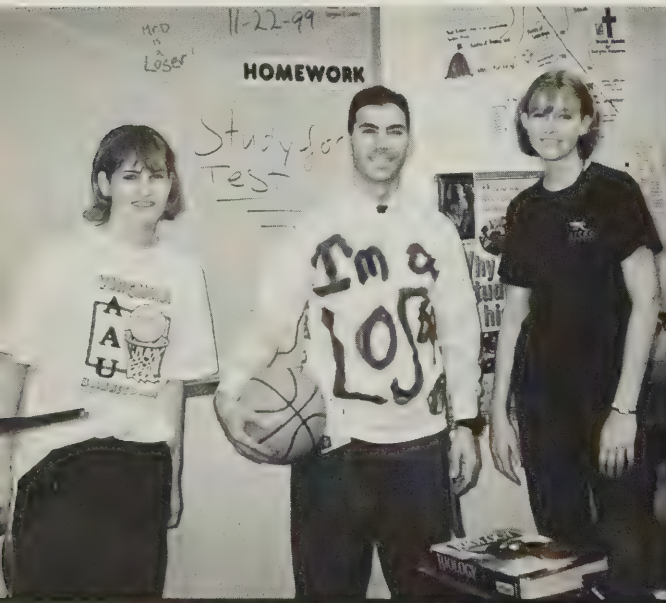
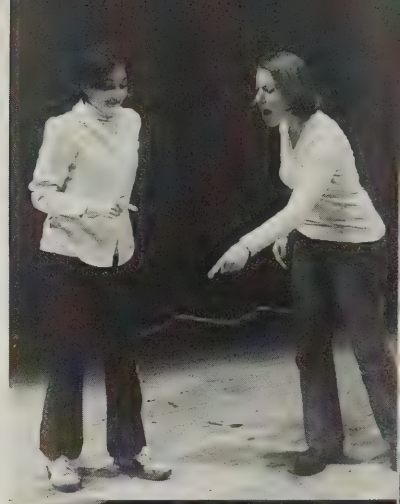
Schoolwork, homework, and the inevitable tests were the same as always at Stafford High School. And although the same-old, same-old became tiresome after a while, at least the repetition brought comfort to most people.

**Top Left: Stop That!** Michelle Wood and Bonnie Daymude perform their drama class improv for a grade during class, and leave the people roaring with laughter. Photo by Lesley Wall.

**Top Middle Left: Memory Maker** Steve Dodd works diligently on making holiday gifts for his relatives during his art class. Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Bottom Middle Left: Keepin' Em Healthy** Mrs. Harding, the school's athletic trainer, helps out a football player during a rough game. Photo by Mark Hughes.

**Bottom Left: Hit It!** After smashing the ball to her opponent, Veronica Pugh follows through on her swing. Photo by Heather Akin.



**Opposite Page and Inserts: Great Band, Great People** Eli Sarge, Jessica Fenton, and Anousheh Khalili played at Borders, and many students came to see this band they called "Estella's Muse." Photos by Sarah Bryant.

**Opposite Insert: Man, I'm GOOD** Ryan Chewning waits to see his finishing time at a swim meet. Ryan went on to place sixth in the state at this competition. Photo by Kevin Louder.



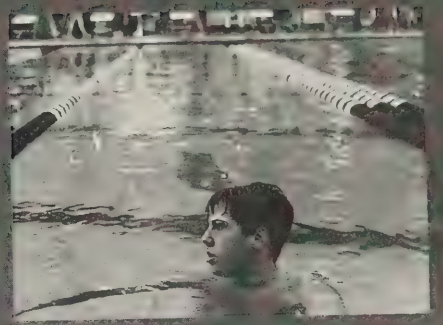
**Above: Big LOSER!** Meagan Vrabel and Lindsay Jones stand mocking Mr. Dorazio, who lost a basketball game to them and was forced to wear a hand-made "I'm a LOSER" t-shirt because of this. Photo contributed by an anonymous source.

There was room for change everywhere, however, and people were never able to forget that fact.

As the popular saying goes, "the more things change, the more things stay the same." Every day of our lives things changed, even if we didn't always notice it. Moving along with this change, however, could often be difficult for people to do. Maybe in the new millennium we as a people would learn to do just that, or maybe we'd already begun... Story by Kathy Hall Gardner.

















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